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Heroin addict burgled his own father's home

A DRUG addict with a "raging desire" for heroin, twice burgled the home of his father, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Andrew Lock (26) of Blaencaerau, Maesteg, admitted three charges of burglary and one of ossessing an item used in fraud.

He was jailed for 22 months, and for a further 67 days to run consecutively, for the breach of a suspended sentence imposed for

Report by AJ **SICLUNA**

shoplifting. Judge Eleri Rees said: "To commit such offences against your father was a betrayal of trust.

Prosecutor Gareth James said that in June. he burgled the garage at the home of his father, David Lock, in Ewenny Road, Bridgend.

He was arrested at the scene, having stolen a chainsaw, hammer drills and a pressure

The following day, he burgled the same property and stole car keys, a gold watch and jew-ellery, which he sold for

He also took his father's cheque book, which was discovered on him.

Mr James said that he also burgled the home of a retired couple, Mr and Mrs Robert Davies, in Quarella Road, Bridgend. Fortunately, nothing was stolen.

Lock was said to have convictions for 30 other offences, includ-ing possessing drugs, making off without pay-ing, theft and being concerned in the supply of

Barrister Kevin Seal said: "He acknowledges the impact the offences had on the victims. In the last six years, his judgement has been put to one side because of his raging addiction to

heroin.
"There was nothing sophisticated about the burglary, and he had wandered the streets like a vagrant.

Said the judge: "You committed offences without having regard for family ties and the feelings of others.

"This spate of offending marks a sharp escalation. Custody is



LEFT: A long-standing Porthcawl charity group held a coffee morning recently in aid of Kidney Wales. Committee members Gail Ralph, Jean Schofield and Angela Townsend were joined by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Barbara Stubbs, and her husband Bill.

(See page 12 for more details).

£2.4m scheme to modernise the **Bridgend station** gets green light

A TOTAL of £2.4 million is to be invested in Bridgend Railway Station - as part of a plan to modernise stations around the UK.

The work will involve putting in a new footbridge, complete with lifts and stairs, with the aim of making access between the station entrance, ticket office and platforms much easier for everyone, particularly people with reduced mobility.

The £2.4m scheme is part of the national 'Access for All' scheme, backed by the Department for Transport, that aims to provide stepfree access to around 145 stations in England, Wales and Scotland.

A Network Rail spokeswoman said:

"The new footbridge and two lifts are also designed to provide passengers with a safe and secure environment, well-lit and equipped with CCTV and telephones. The platforms will also be refurbished with tactile paving."

Mark Langman, route managing director for Wales, Network Rail, said: "Wales relies on rail so it's vital that we provide facilities which make the railway easier to use.

"Whether you're lugging heavy bags, have small children in tow or simply find the stairs a bit of a struggle, the improvements to be made at Bridgend will make a real difference to passengers.

Ian Bullock, customer services director for Arriva Trains Wales said: "These works are part of a wider proTransport to improve accessibility at a number of stations we operate.

"We are also working with the Welsh Government to reduce stepping distances at more than 30 stations as part of our plans to improve access to our trains and stations.

The work to improve the accessibility at Bridgend is due to be completed by early 2012.

Bridgend station was opened in 1850 and today, it serves more than .6m passengers on average each year.

The new scheme will mean that passengers who cannot use the footbridge will no longer have to arrange with station staff to be let in by a gate near the Cardiff-bound platform.

NEW SCHOOL

GETS GO-AHEAD

THE new secondary school in Bridgend county borough – the 'Gateway to the Valleys' – has passed the final administrative hurdle and construction should start soon.

When complete, it will take a maximum of

1,570 pupils. (SEE PAGE 15 FOR A FULL REPORT).

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Proving (yet again) that a week is a very long time in politics!

UNDAY'S commemoration of the events of 9/11 took me back to that frantic day. Close friends lived in Battery Park, a development built out into the Hudson River using the soil from the pit to create the foundations for the twin towers.

I had daily walks through the twin towers shopping precinct for coffee in Boarders bookshop, or to catch the trains uptown.

I remember the frantic few hours of trying to

reach my friends to check they were safe. Mobile phone links were down as further plane attacks were feared.

I found a very old address book with my friend's parents' number and was relieved to find she was safe.

Not a U-turn?

THE adjournment debate on Monday evening in the Commons had the south Wales coastal MPs supporting Martin Caton, MP for Gower, in a debate with Transport Minister Mike Penning.

Martin set out a powerful case against the deci-sion to close Swansea Coastguard station and retain Milford Haven.

The initial announcement had been that Milford would close and Swansea would remain, as it is has the most modern and up-to-date capacity to monitor the second busiest shipping lane in the

UK.

The Minister denied any political motivation in his reversed decision and my face must have shown my incredulity.

He accused me of smirking from a sedentary position and offered me the opportunity to explain why; which I did.

Defence matters Defence matters
TUESDAY brought me the most pleasant of
tasks. As Chair of the RAF group in the
Commons, I host at a dinner to honour two
fighter aces from World War Two.

Wing Commander Bob Foster DFC and Sqn Leader Geoffrey Wellum told their tales of frying Hurricanes and Spitfires and the terrible losses of

WESTMINSTER **NOTEBOOK**

MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive column from Westminster for The GEM



the air war. Air Transport Auxiliary Mrs Joy Lofthouse, one of only 15 of the 164 ATAs still alive, told us of her incredible service. Joy described how they were given only 30 minutes to learn how to fly different planes (she flew 18 different types) including 70 Spitfires.

THE Defence Select committee evidence session

on Wednesday had Ministers Simon Burns and Andrew Robathan from the Department of Health and the MoD. failing to outline how they will provide ongoing support for military casualties.

There is no doubt that support for those wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan is vastly superior to those in any other conflict.

As many of the services are being funded by money raised by forces' charities, the committee's concern is how the ongoing needs of wounded vet-erans will be met when charity incomes reduce and veterans turn to the NHS for treatment and sup-

I expressed concerns at the NHS's capacity to fund and maintain the new prostheses being pro vided to veterans and to cope with demand for the public, including injured police and firemen for eaual treatment.

An above-knee prosthesis provided for a veteran costs £9,000 plus £2,000 to maintain.

The NHS model costs £1,000 with little mainte-nance. I was also concerned about the long-term funding commitment to those with traumatic brain injury and mental health conditions arising from

A CONSTITUENT, who is the Secretary of the National Borneo and Malaya Veterans Association, contacted me a few months ago

about a campaign for veterans who had been awarded the Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal by the Malaysian government, to be allowed to wear it. An arcane set of rules means that British veter-

ans can accept this medal, but not wear it. Australian and New Zealand veterans are permitted to wear the medal, making the decision affecting British veterans all the more incomprehensible.

I have been bounced between the MoD, FCO

and the Cabinet Office, written to the Australian High Commissioner, asked numerous written ques ions and got nowhere.

In Business Questions on Thursday, I asked for

an urgent government statement and the Leader of the House promised to do what he could to help.

Fewer addicts NATIONALLY, heroin addiction is down by 25,000. Part of the reason for this is work coming out of Bridgend police station and a small team of probation and police officers.

This specialist team gives intensive support and guidance to prolific offenders to start new lives. On Friday I met with the team and two ex-offenders, who have given up on both their criminal and drug pasts to build new futures.

Success is hard won for the staff and the exoffenders, it takes courage and a daily struggle to tackle hurdles along the way and not go back to the old life. We all benefit from this little known scheme, it cuts crime, increases public safety, in the long-term saves public spending, and gives desperate people a way back into ordinary life.

Mining tragedy
SATURDAY brought the wonderful Miners Welfare Brass Band contest to Porthcawl Grand

Outside was cold and wet – but inside there was the glow of listening to children playing alongside adults in harmony and delight in their music. The judges awarded my Cup to the St Athan

RAF voluntary band. The enjoyment of these bands and the history of the communities they represent was made stark by the awful losses in Gleision Colliery. This was a tragedy we thought had gone from Wales, back in our midst with the pain of the families felt across the country.

Pencoed Library rose to challenge



ABOVE: A young reader meets 'Splashy'.

DURING the summer holidays, local children read and had fun at Pencoed Library.

Library manager

Pam Grainger reports:.
"The Summer Reading Challenge gives children an incentive to come to the library and read during the summer break, with gifts and events along

"All those who complete the Reading Challenge are entered into a prize draw, with prizes generously donated by local businesses and this year there were competition prizes, too.

"At the prize draw event on September 14, winners received their prizes from Peter Black,

"The star of the show was 'Splashy' the Sea Lion, who finally got his name in the 'Name That Sea Lion' competition.

"Look out for the next event at Pencoed Library, a Hallowe'en special storytime and crafts on October 27, when you can help Poppy make a magic

READERS' ILETTERS

'HELP SCHOOL BREAK RECORD'

HIS year, St John's School. Porthcawl celebrate their 90th anniversary and to commemorate this, we are trying to break the world record for the longest chain of scarves.

In order to break this record, we need to collect 7,000 scarves. which, in a school of fewer than 200 pupils, is **Karen Jones, Cowbridge.**

no mean feat

We would like to ask any of your readers, who have a scarf or two that they no longer want, to drop them in - or send them to St John's School, Porthcawl, to help us

the record, all scarves will be passed on to various charities, to make into blankets for the needy.

GEM thanked for 'exceptional coverage' of Porthcawl Gala <u>BUT POLITICIANS HAVE QUESTIONS TO AN</u>SWER

NCE again, we would like to thank The GEM for another exceptional pictorial coverage of the annual Porthcawl Pool-less Swimming Gala, held on Saturday. September 10.

If and when we break After a week of Hurricane Katia-like weather, the omens were not good and minutes away from admitting defeat, the sun appeared and against all the odds the pool appeared – Powersport Bridgend

assembled their street gymnasium and Hitsounds68 installed the PA.

Owen Money arrived direct from his BBC Wales morning pro-gramme and the gala commenced with a 'synchronized swimming display by Port Talbot dance group Defiant. 'Swims' followed by children of all ages. Each received an engraved medal, courtesy of the Hi Tide Inn.

A special mention must be made of the Link-up team of disabled children, who were so pleased to 'swim,' even

if they had to 'pretend-swim' because it was Porthcawl.

Katia reappeared with real water and the gala ended early with everyone having enjoyed another fun event and many agreeing – "this is what is needed in Porthcawl, not another

Tesco."
A big thank-you to everyone who helped or took part, including our town councillors and those who signed our petition asking BCBC to include a pool in the Porthcawl regeneration plan.
All have helped to

raise the profile of Porthcawl's total absence of swim and gym facilities. Since local govern-ment re-organisation in 1974, the borough council has provided a lavish array of new swimming pools, leisure centres, fit ness centres, life centres etc in the borough. except in Porthcawl

There must be a reason why BCBC borough councillors, both past and present ,have built a Gaza-type wall from Pyle to Bridgend, which has all these amenities on the one side and none on the other.
Yet with 96 acres of

Porthcawl seafront for sale, it could pay for ample swim and gym facilities without any cost to BCBC only they refuse to allow it.

All our leading politi-cians are responsible for the situation in Porthcawl and also write columns in The GEM.

Therefore, I invite them to explain why, after 37 years, they have not provided any healthy swim and gym amenities in the town – and why none is planned? GARY VICTOR

(Porthcawl Shout Forum)

HARVEST TEA WITH MUSIC and Cinderella!

CHAIRMAN Dee Richardson welcomed everyone to the Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild meeting - it was harvest tea and the tables were full of a variety of goodies.

A mixture of entertainment was enjoyed, from renditions of the works of Pam Ayres, to music from the Highlands of Scotland and a new version of Cinderella.

On September 11, Federation and nearby Guilds joined members at the Hi-Tide for a fun day, with a nautical theme - appropriate dress for Porthcawl

A presentation of flowers was made to a member for her 'special' birthday.
On October 12, mem-

bers will be reviving memories, with a talk on 'the toy box' by Mr Stephen Jarvis in the church hall in All Saints Church at 2pm.
FREDA RODGER

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	
	AM	M	PM	M	
22 Thur	02.21	7.3	14.59	7.5	
23 Fri	04.04	7.4	16.34	7.8	
24 Sat	05.13	8.0	17.42	8.6	
25 Sun	06.14	8.8	18.34	9.4	
26 Mon	07.04	9.5	19.19	10.2	
27 Tues	07.49	10.2	20.06	10.5	
28 Wed	08.31	10.6	20.53	10.5	
29 Thur	09.13	10.6	21.13	10.8	
While The GEM makes every effort to check the					

accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Family search

AM trying to get some information about my mother's parents, and others who may remember my mother. She was born in Cymmer Road, Caerau,

Maesteg in January 1917.

Her name was Beti Hughes Lake Davies, who went to the local grammar school and then to Barry teacher training college. At 21, she left to teach in London teach in London

My mother's parents, Mr and Mrs Emrys Hughes Lake Davies, moved to Pembroke Dock soon after World War Two with their two other daughters, Joan and Gillian.

Tim Bornett, 4a Hargham Close, Old Buckenham Norfolk. NR17 1SJ Telephone 01953 860388.

YFC LOOKS FOR NEW RECRUITS

RIDGEND YFC is a local charity-based local charmy-based organisation looking to recruit new members.

On September 27, we will be holding our annual recruitment evening at the Community Centre in Cefn Cribwr (not far from Cefn Cribwr Primary School) at 7.30pm.

The evening will include numerous fun game and challenges for the new and old members.

We had a very successful year last year, raising £300 for the local charity Mencap. This year, under the reins of our new chairwoman, Christina Jones, we hope to raise more money for

another local charity

Bridgend YFC is a youth organisation for 10 to 26 year olds. The club calendar includes a variety of compe titions and social events suitable for all (whether you are from a farming background or not!) giving an oppor tunity to make new friends and learn

For more information about the club, or the recruitment evening, please visit our website www.bridgednyfc,btck,co.uk or email bridgendyoungfarmers@hotmail.co.uk
BETHAN EVANS

(Bridgend YFC press secretary and treasurer)

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MP gets advance glimpse of £5m resource centre



Madeleine visited the new £5 Morgan Bridgend Morgan was justifiably County Council's cabinet member for Wellbeing.

The new resource cen-The new resource centre has state of the art lies will have access to a facilities for service used higher level of service with learning disabilities, once including a new hydro tional. therapy pool, sensory

OGMORE

Janice Gregory has

Bridgend County Borough Council

on recycling more

waste to generate

heat and power

Welsh local author-

year for which figures are available, over a

quarter of waste collect-ed by the BCBC was

recycled in this way. This represents more

than 10 times the Welsh

Bridgend (26 per cent) and Neath Port

Talbot (22 per cent) were the only local authorities

in Wales to recycle a sig-

nificant amount of waste for heat and energy cre-

ation, with Carmarthenshire (3.5 per cent) coming a distant

In 2009-2010, the last

other

any

than

An AM praises

council's waste

energy policy

AM sites by half, compared to 1995 levels by 2013, or risk being fined.

EU targets would even-

 $\boldsymbol{MP}\,$ room, physiotherapy and Moon education suites.

Madeleine toured the access to the facilities to

Borough proud to show me the cabinet wonderful new facilities available in the centre. I doubt if such high quality facilities exist anywhere once it is fully opera-

was especially

visited the new £5 million Bridgend resource ahead of the official opening, accompanied by Coun Lyn Morgan Bridgend Madeleine toured the access to the facilities to building with Margaret voluntary and private building with Margaret voluntary and private building with Margaret voluntary and private evening and at weekersponsibility for the management of the new centre and CounMorgan. Mrs Moon said: "Coun to be able to show our voluntary and private voluntary and private evening and at weekersponsibility for the management of the new centre and CounMorgan. Mrs Moon said: "Coun to be able to show our voluntary and private voluntary and private evening and at weekersponsibility for the management of the new centre and CounMorgan. Mrs Moon said: "Coun to be able to show our voluntary and private voluntary and private evening and at weekersponsibility for the management of the new centre and CounMorgan. Mrs Moon said: "Coun to be able to show our voluntary and private volunta "I was pleased and proud to be able to show our local MP around the new state-of-the-art day cen-

ulous new facilities. "Along with our new learning support centres at Pyle and Sarn this represents a £7m investment in facilities for local adults with learning disabilities.

tre which offers truly fab-

pleased to hear of plans

to eventually open up

These important new facilities have been created by Bridgend County Borough Council so that those using them can access services within or close to their own communities. We are justifiably proud of what we have achieved."

Charity duck race cancelled

or risk being fined.

Janice Gregory said:

"We have become increasingly aware of the need to prevent waste going to landfill sites. We cannot carry on putting our rubbish into a big hole in the ground.

"Fines for not meeting POOR weather conditions and a higher than normal level of the river caused the cancellation of the tually be passed down to Lions Club's annual the taxpayer. Therefore, charity duck race in it is imperative on an economic, environmen-tal and social level that Bridgend on Saturday, September

targets are met."

Coun Mel Nott, the The Lions apologise Leader of BCBC, said: to the many people and This is another notable their families who were environmental achieve-ment by BCBC, primaridisappointed not to have seen their duck among ly as a result of its part-nership arrangement with Neath Port Talbot at the thousands of plastic ducks going down the Ogmore from the Rhiw its Material Recycling and Energy Centre. and into Newbridge

"It demonstrates our As it is difficult to commitment to creating organise another date, a cleaner, greener bor-ough. We are also recythe Lions will hold a draw later in the week, cling more than ever before and that is thanks to decide the winners of the cash prizes. to the way our residents have embraced our new Those lucky numbers

will be published on the club's web site www.bridgendlions.org.u k and also on their facebook site.

Despite the cancellation, the Lions are delighted to say that the ticket sales for the race have generated funds for community causes and local charities

DAVID JONES the area. Lions Club of Bridgend

STALLHOLDERS WIN SUPPORT

'Market signs should stay up'

RIGHT: Regional AM Byron Davies at the Porthcawl meeting.

REGIONAL Tory **AM Byron Davies** is to urge Bridgend County Borough Council to find ways of supporting the Farmers Market in Porthcawl.

The market, which is held once a month at the Awel y Mor community centre, has been told by Bridgend planners that it needs planning consent for each of the ten signs that are placed around the area alerting residents to the timing of the next mar-

ket. Mr Davies said that he had met members of the committee who have warned that the market will close unless the signs are allowed to remain.

"What we have here is a monthly market with signs being erected for four days a month in total," said Mr Davies. "The council is say-

ing that the organisers

should apply for consent for each of the signs at a cost of £90 per application, making a total of almost £1,000

'The Farmers Market is a non-profit making organisation which exists to provide small-holders, farmers and others with the means of selling their produce.'

This will be the second issue regarding signs that Mr Davies has had with the council. He challenged planners in June over their demands that businesses on Bridgend Industrial Estate apply for planning consent for each sign they have which directs customers to their premises.
"All businesses are

facing tough times at the moment and the council should be doing its best to help such people who have to reply on their own hard work and enterprise and do not have a guaran-teed pay packet," he

Residents told how to keep car thieves at bay

RESIDENTS Fairoak Close in Brackla have been visited by the local Police Community Support Officers, Meurig Coleman and Jonathan Davies - to raise awareness of the importance of vehicle security.

Last year saw a slight increase in the number of reported incidents of theft from vehicles in the Brackla area ,which led to the arrest of a local

Following these incidents, the local Neighbourhood Policing Team carried out a letter drop in the area raising awareness amongst residents of the importance in ensuring vehicles are always secured when left and to encourage the removal of sat navs and other valuables from their vehicles in an effort to stamp out car crime in

A spokesman reported

of that local police community support officers, Meurig Coleman and Jonathon Davies had revisited residents within the Brackla area to ensure that they were still being vigilant and working together in putting the opportunist thief out of business.

To reinforce key mes sages a car crime reduction pack was handed to local residents containing stickers, an air freshener and a sat nav cloth, invaluable in removing the sucker marks, often indicating to the passing thief that a sat nav maybe hidden in their vehicle.

"The initiative was well received by local residents, who continue to promote positive messages," Bridgend crime reduction reduction officer Deborah Elward said. "It is encouraging to

see that through partnership working residents are being more vigilant," she added.



tence since 1999. "I am puzzled why suddenly the council feels that planning consent is needed for signs that have been going up for 12 years and which are only in situ for four days a month.'

Mr Davies said he would also be challenging the council about whether its treatment of the farmers' market is equitable.

"I gather that Awel y Mor, which is where the market is held, is used for the three other Saturdays per month for a car boot sale.

"A permanent sign advertising this sale is in situ for 365 days a vear. Have they been asked to apply for plan-ning consent for this sign? And if not, why demand it of the farmers' market? The coun-cil must treat everyone the same.

Mr Davies met market manager Mike Pett, a retired police superintendent and keen bee keeper, his wife Betty and farmers Gill and Charles Morgan of Gelli Feddgar farm, Glynogwr, who sell their own meat at the

market. Also present was Angela Giddings who

was the local represen-tative of the Farmers Union of Wales and was involved with setting this market up.
"The council was

very keen on getting this market going in the early days," she said. "They were given a £25,000 grant from the WDA to organise the market and they employed someone to do that. But in recent years, the council has not shown much inter-

Mr Davies stated that other difficulties had also arisen: "Apart from the issue of the signs, the council has also told the organisers that no

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ing, "added ivi It was government policy to promote self using the centre's own kitchen."
Ms Giddings said sufficiency and encourage people to produce food to make the counthat it was unheard of for a farmers' market try less reliant on

imports.
"The council seems to be flying in the face of both the Welsh Assembly Government and Westminster," he

said.
"If this market folds because of inflexible bureaucracy, it will go against everything that the government is trying to do. We must have small scale food pro-ducers and they need to be encouraged not per-secuted by bureaucra-

Mynydd Cynffig WI moves to Pyle Church Hall

WI was held on September 13 when president Marjorie Goode welcomed all members and expressed the wish that they would all soon settle into the new surroundings.

not to cook food.

"It gives the market

the right ambiance with

through it. People enjoy sampling the goods

before they buy. This new rule is ridiculous.

The organisers are

unclear about why the ban has been bought in

but point out that food is cooked at the car boot

rules seem to be apply-

"Here again, different

sale.

the smell of freshly cooked food wafting

After a full and informative meeting, they welcomed speaker Mrs Helen Williams, a volunteer ambassador of the charity, 'Send a Cow to Africa'

She explained that the charity was started in 1988 after problems occurred in this country when thousands of gal-lons of milk were being poured away, at a time when thousands, especially children, dying in Africa.

It was decided to send cows to these countries

THE first meeting and many people, of Mynydd Cynffig including celebrities, gave their support.

African women were trained in animal husbandry and hygiene for two years before being allowed to keep a cow.

The effect on the families was immediate as they were now able to give their children fresh milk and also to sell any surplus which enabled their older children to attend secondary schools

The information and details given were warmly received by the members.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11 when the speaker will be Mrs Ann Mahoney. who will demonstrate the art of serviette folding.

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Local authorities must meet the challenging European Union targets of reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill Chrysanths to China!

scheme."

Llantwit Major Horticultural Society will meet on September 28, at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major. The speaker Ivor Mace, formerly of Pencoed College, is an expert on growing chrysanthemums.

In 2010, he was invited to China to give advice on how to grow these plants. Admission

You do not need to be a member to attend, all





LOCAL CHARITY RECEIVES AN OPEN GARDENS BOOST

A WARM welcome greeted the Tondu-based Healing the Wounds charity, at a presentation evening at Llanmadog and Cheriton Gardeners Association, where a buffet supper was laid on by the gardening community.

Mr Mike Bristow hosted the evening and a cheque for £1,875 was handed to

Kevin and Carol Richards, who were delighted to receive funds for the second year running.

Fourteen gardens in total were opened for public viewing this summer in a beautiful part of the Gower in Swansea, to raise funds for four differ-

Carol Richards, secretary of Healing the Wounds said: "The funds raised by

much-needed treatments for veterans' suffering from post-traumatic stress. We are extremely grateful to everyone who worked so hard to prepare their gardens for viewing."

Anyone interested in helping to for the charity should contact 01656 728281, or go to www.healingthe-

RAF award for Gareth

LANDLORD of the 16th century Prince of Wales pub at Kenfig, Gareth Maund, has been awarded a valedictory certificate by Vice-Marshal Mark Green CBE.

It recognised the support he gave to the RAF and emergency teams following the mid air tragedy which killed two Air Training Cadet Corps cadets and their instructors in February 2009.

The letter from Air Vice-Marshal Mark Green, which accompanied the valedictory certificate, reads:

"We recall your selfless generosity in supporting all those involved in the immediate aftermath of the accident, by opening up your pub and providing refreshment and shelter to the emergency services; and also later by providing discreet support to the families of those who lost their lives.'

Gareth, his wife Julie, and the team have also been recognised by the Trip Advisor online website, which rated the Prince of Wales the top pub/restaurant in the Bridgend area.

Crown Court for failing to observe a condition when he registered as a sex offender. Lee Clarke 65, of

Upper Cosmeston Farm, Penarth, admitted failing to notify of foreign travel when under an order to register as a sex offender.

ed by Vale Magistrates and committed to the Crown Court for sen-

Clarke had been convicted at Cardiff Crown Court of 20 offences, including 13 of making indecent photographs of children, four charges of possessing such photographs, and three of possessing extreme pornographic images.

Harvest tea with music...

CHAIRMAN Dee Richardson welcomed everyone to the Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild meeting - it was harvest tea and the tables were full of a variety of goodies.

A mixture of entertainment was enjoyed from renditions of the works of Pam Ayres, to music from the Highlands of Scotland and a new version of Cinderella.

On September 11. Federation and nearby Guilds joined members at the Hi-Tide for a fun day, with a nautical theme – appropriate dress for Porthcawl.

A presentation of flowers was made to a member for her 'special birthday

On October 12, members will be bringing back memories with a talk on 'the toy box' by Mr Stephen Jarvis in the Church at 2pm.

Sex offender is fined for foreign travel breach

A financial advisor REPORT has been fined by AJ SICLUNA £1,000 at Cardiff Clarke had been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, suspended for two years, made subject to a supervision order, and required to

register as a sex offender for 10 years. A requirement of the order, said prosecutor Kayleigh Simmons, was to notify the police of He had been convictforeign travel within

seven days of leaving.
He had been given a copy of the requirement On April 1, he left a

message saying he was going to Cyprus on April 3 for five days and left the country without completing the relevant paperwork

He was spoken to by the police on his return and said he didn't intentionally fail to provide details and had left a message on an answer-

was uncertain of the requirements

His counsel, Ruth Smith, said: "He accepts what was a technical breach. He should have notified the police within seven days, but he believed it was acceptable to go on his jour-

ney."
She added: "It was not a deliberate breach, and he takes his responsibilities seriously. It was not a deliberate flouting of the law.

"The entire matter caused him great

Judge Isobel Parry said Clarke didn't attempt to conceal his travel plans, but a regis ter had to be taken and treated seriously.
In addition, he was

ordered to pay costs of £350 and to carry out 20 hours unpaid work for the community

Eisteddfod field work is now complete

National 2012 Eisteddfod of Wales at Llandow been completed.

Organisers made plans to cope with wet weather, and a spokeswoman explained what had been done with this in mind.

She said: "With help from neighbours, Tony and Hopkin Evans one or two cuts to feed from Marcross Farm, our cows, but it will have completed the first leave a good solid base step in preparing the for the Eisteddfod to Eisteddfod at Llandow. wet summer."

PREPARATORY Tony Evans told The work on the field GEM: "Never in living that will stage the memory has a field been prepared with so much care!

"We are very pleased has with what we have done so far. There is still a lot have to do, but we have made a good start."

Hopkin Evans explained that the seed that has been planted is a special mix.

He said: "Hopefully, it will allow us to take the use, even if we have a

COMMUNITY LINKS DAY

THE council-run Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, is holding a community links day on Saturday, October 8 for any small business, club, society or organisation based in the Ogmore Valley wishing to reach a broad variety of local people in the com

munuy.
Anyone interested in taking part on behalf of an organisation, should contact Sian McCormick at the Berwyn Centre via email, or telephone 01656 754915.

Bursaries to ease pain of students' university costs



AFTER successfully gaining places at university, four Bridgend students have been awarded a bursary of £2,000 per year to assist with their accommodation expenses.

The scheme was introduced and promoted to year-13 students in Cynffig and Maesteg comprehensive schools in 2010/11 through a pilot scheme between the charity Fairwood Trust and Bridgend's 14-19 Network.

The successful students are: Matthew Cox and Tomos Fisher from Maesteg, who are off to study physics at the University of Bath and interactive art at Manchester Metropolitan University respectively and Lauren England and Eliot Penny from Cynffig, who are off to study law and business at De Montfort University in Leicester and astro-physics at

the University of Surrey.

Due to the success of the scheme, it will now be rolled out to year-13 students at all Bridgend schools in the 2011/12

academic year. Students are invited to apply, with the support of their schools, and if shortlisted are interviewed. The award is conditional on the student successfully gaining a place at university. Coun Alana Davies, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "It is fantastic that we are able to offer bursaries to Bridgend students.

"I am sure that they will help these young people make the best possible start to their further studies."

Charles Middleton, from the Fairwood Trust, said: "It is wonderful to see young people making their way in life and I think they gain so much by moving away from home to follow their aspirations.

"I wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about how they are progressing."

Who wants to build what and where in the borough?

Miss Elizabeth Thompson Oldcastle Office, South Street, Bridgend – Three on illuminated fascia signs.

Mrs Adrienne Maclean – 15

Briary Way, Brackla –

Remove dead branches

overhanging garden and low

branches.
Miss T Kenchington -Bryn Onnen, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend – Cut back branches of three trees ((1996) BCBC no 02). Mrs Carwyn Davies - 5 Cefn Nant, Pencoed - Cut down and remove oak tree.

Mr David Tiffin – **5 Ysbryd y Coed, Penyfai** – Crown thin cherry tree by 25 per cent and crown reduce by 6 metres.

Restruct Ltd - 6 Millers Brynmenyn Avenue. Industrial Bridgend – Block of 5 no. industrial units.

Mr Peter Jones - School Lodge, Penyfai – 2x Velux windows to rear, extend side front path, hard standing to elevation and name

plaque to NE side. Mrs M Davies – **8 Bank** Street, Maesteg – Single storey extension to rear of property to provide shower facilities.

Wern Tarw Recycling Ltd – Former RAF site, Stormy

Mount Pleasant Down, Road, Tythegston – Relax condition 1 of 06/44/FUL to extend time period to concomposting green

Mr John Cocker - 5 Teal Close, Porthcawl - Attic conversion. Mr John Joseph – **Ty Coch**

Farm, Pyle – Proposed hay storage building.
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council – Land at Southern Slope, Mynydd Margam, Margam – 3 Margam, Margam – 3 drilling compounds and associated works to test methane gas extraction (revised access route).

Mrs J Symes - 5 St James Park, Brackla - Convert garage to shower room and external step lift to front.

Mr Alistair Edwards – 16

Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr – Demolish garage/store and erect single storey sun house/gym. Centregreat Ltd – **Former**

Ritz Bingo site, Brewery Lane, Bridgend – Relax condition 1 of consent 09/444/FUL to allow use as car park until December 31, 2013.

Mrs Nicola Richards Land adjacent to 166/168 Oxford Street. Pontycymmer

Construction of three-bedroom terraced dwellings.

Dr S Eccles - 8 Preswylfa Court, Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend – Install a Sky satellite dish to front of

property.

Robhel Ltd – **67 West Road, Bridgend** – Renew consent 06/909 to demolish existing garage and carport, and replace with 1 no. double garage with loft.

Mr R Addis – 2 Sandfields

Road, Aberkenfig - proposed single storey exten-

Mrs Lesley Hopkins - 2 Pine Close, Porthcawl -

Two storey extension to side, single storey extension to rear and single storey

porch to front. Mr Douglas Dixon – **Lower** End, Cwmdu Street, Maesteg – Extend river walkway west of Cwmdu Street Bridge by installing handrails and timber bridge

across culvert exit.

Mr John Evans – Angel
Fish Bar Unit, 11 Angel
Street, Bridgend – Part change from restaurant to general store.

Mr Nigel Thomas – 12

Mary Street, Porthcawl Change of use of outbuildMrs Gwyneth Keepings - 20 Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr -Provide disabled ramped access to front elevation of property.

Mr Marc Weinzweig -Home Farm, Coytrahen -Convert existing outbuilding to two-bed dwelling with demolition of existing extension.

Mr Roderick Hill - 19 Waterton Close, Bridgend - Erect panels to create a vegetable plot.

Firework spectacular' in Porthcawl!



One feature of Tuesday nights in Porthcawl during the summer season is the firweork display, put on by the Hi-Tide Inn. The onset of autumn prompted local photographer MALCOLM NUGENT to put together this spectacular montage, above, showing Porthcawl rivalling the Beijing Olympics in starbursts in the sheer scale of its colourful display. The GEM can assure our readers that all the starbursts were photographed by Malcolm this summer over Porthcawl

- BUT NOT NECESSARILY AT THE SAME TIME OR IN THE SAME PLACE!

Michael raises £1,200 on his sponsored cycle ride for the Stroke charity

A BRIDGEND man, Michael Dalton, has completed a gru-tompleted a gru-scompleted a grucompleted a gruelling sponsored cycle ride from north to south Wales in aid of The Stroke Association.

He completed the journey in under a week, raising £1,200 for charity so far, with more sponsorship money on

the way.

Michael explained why he decided to take on this challenge: "My father-in-law, Alan

weekly Community Integration group in Bridgend following a severe stroke, and used to really look forward to going. I wanted to give something back, and all the money raised will go directly to support the

group."
Michael added: "The cycle ride was very tiring, but a great experi-ence. I'm glad I had my with me for support. I'd like to thank John Conybere who helped with travel and equipment costs, Sandra Bissmire, who organised a cake sale, and all those who have made a dona-Karvl Carter, coordi-

nator of the Bridgend Community Integration Group, said: "Michael's father-in-law was a very well respected member of our group. It is grati-fying that the help Alan was given by The Stroke Association means such a lot to the family and we are all extremely grateful for the fantastic



fundraising effort, on the group's behalf."
For information and

advice about strokes, call The Stroke Association's Helpline on 0303 3033 100, or visit www.stroke.org.uk.

ABOVE: Marathon cyclist Michael and his support team.

Quiz

League

posers

1. Which significant

2. What is the name

of the bridge that spans

3. Although born in Czechoslovakia in 1980,

sented which country in

4. Which gulf to the

north of Estonia is the

easternmost arm of the

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lation was not granted

the vote until 1924?

the Avon Gorge?

tennis?

HERE are your

weekly posers:

MP wears it pink to fund a cure for breast cancer

MADELEINE MOON, MP for Bridgend, is joining forces with the **Breast** Cancer Campaign - to raise awareness of its award-winning fundraising event, 'wear it pink' day.
On Friday, October

28, supporters in schools, colleges and businesses throughout the country are encouraged to don an item of pink in support of the campaign, and each donate £2 to fund innovative world-class breast cancer research.

Last year, hundreds of thousands of people took part in 'wear it pink' to help improve survival rates for the one in eight women who experience breast cancer during their lifetime.

Mrs Moon said "Every year in the UK around 48,000 new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women Although it is rare, men can also suffer from breast cancer. around 340 men diagnosed each year.

"I know people who have lost friends and family members to the disease, and I would like to encourage everyone in my constituency of Bridgend and throughout the country to support 'wear it pink' on October 28, to raise valuable funds for breast cancer research."

To take part in the UK's original and best nink day, visit www.wearitpink.co.uk and register to receive your free fundraising

TABERNACL LAUNCHES NEW SEASON

ON October 2, at Bridgend's Tabernacl chapel, Tabernacl Music Society kicks off the new season of concerts with a performance of Dvorak's Stabat Mater, described as one of the most moving pieces of music ever to come out of the Czech lands.

Making a welcome return to the TMS concert platform are awardwinning soloists Elizabeth Donovan of Bridgend, who has performed at the BBC Proms, the Edinburgh International Festival and the Festival of Welsh Male Voice Choirs at the Royal Albert Hall; Hannah Thapan (nee Robbins), mezzo-soprano, a past

student of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, who has performed in venues across Europe; and tenor Robin Lyn-Evans, a post-graduate student at the Royal College of Music, London.

Owen Webb, bass from Pontlliw, studied at the RWCMD, has performed many roles with Welsh National Opera, and also performs with 'Live Music Now'

Accompanying the choir will be the TMS Orchestra, comprising musicians and music teachers from the Bridgend area, conducted by Dr Kevin Adams. For tickets, telephone

Baltic Sea? (for Quiz League) 3. Switzerland. 4. Gulf of Finland.

2. Clifton suspension bridge. 'supipuj 01656 880338 (or at the I. Native American VNSMEKS

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Mynydd Cynffig Junior School

SPECIAL Lunch -SPECIAL Lunch – Congratulations to Eloise Abraham-Jones, Finlay Hampton, Lowri Thomas, Ewan Flower, Olivia Evans, Cerys Barrett, Connor Coombes, Ben Evans, Liam Evans, Hadi Akpinar and Alex Parr for their excellent behaviour during lunchtimes last week As a reward, they will

be joining Mr Goldsworthy for lunch. Class 7 Assembly – Tomorrow, Friday, September 23, Class 6, with their teacher Mr C Price, will be performing their assembly in the school hall starting at 10.15 am

Parents, grandparents, family and friends of the pupils taking part are welcome to attend and stay for refreshments
after the performance.

Eco-Week – As part
of the school's efforts in

continuing to be an Eco-school, they have planned an Eco week from September 26-30 to raise awareness of the world around them, including the importance of being environmentally friendly.

However, their main theme is to make sure that everyone has fun.

After School Clubs There are many after school activities, for all classes taking place each week. To find details of the times and days of those appropriate to each pupil, telephone the school on 01656 815760

Kenfig Hill Parish

MISSION to Seafarers The church is looking for volunteers to help with the collection for Mission to Seafarers at



COMMUNITY NEWS from **KENFIG HILL** AND PYLE by Richard Sims

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the Co-op in Pyle this Friday and Saturday, September 23-24.

Back to Church Sunday - This Sunday, September 25 is a day to bring a friend or neighbour to church.

A Harvest supper will be held in St Theodore's Church on Friday, September 30 at

Big Top event Anyone wishing to go to the 'Fools for Christ' event, which is being held in Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday, October 1 from 10am to 2pm, should put their names on the sheet at the back of the church.

Harvest festival - On Sunday, October 2, harvest festivals will be held in St Theodore's, Kenfig Hill at 9.30am and in St Coleman's. Cefn Cribwr at 11am.
This will be followed by songs of praise at 6pm in St Theodore's.

Wellbeing Centre MENTAL Health Matters, Wales will be holding a Wellbeing Tribute Day on September 28 in the Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road from 1pm to 5pm.

All are welcome to go along to join in the activities. There will be workshops including hairdressing, writing with Val, hand massage and arts and crafts, there will be also a free buffet. Coffee morning

ONE of the venues for Macmillan Cancer's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' being held on Wednesday, September 28 at 9.15am, is the KPC Youth Centre, Pvle.

Why not go along and support this worthwhile cause? Admission is only £1 and this includes tea/coffee and biscuits. KPC Youth Centre is located next to Pil Primary School, Off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle. Parish services

Thanksgiving – There will be harvest thanksgiving services in St James Church, Pyle on Sunday, September 25 and in St Mary Magdalene, Maudlam on Sunday, October 2. The harvest supper will take place or Friday, October 7 at

Open Home Open Bible – A discussionbased worship, which includes communion, starts in the Church Hall on September 27 from 7pm to 8pm.

A Healing Service is being considered. Your views regarding this would be appreciated.

For details of these and other events, being held in either St James Church or St Mary Magdalene Church, or the Church Hall, tele-phone Rev Dr Duncan Walker on 01656 740500. or 07766 710376.

Stagecoach celebrates students' exam success



STAGECOACH level up to bronze medal' brating exceptional distinction. results achieved by students who recently entered London Academy of Music Dramatic (LAMDA) exams.

Students aged from six to 17 entered the globally-recognised awards in either 'acting' or 'speak-ing of verse and prose', and once again the school maintained its 100

per cent pass rate.
An exceptional number of distinctions was awarded, with all students from 'introductory their university choice."

Theatre Arts is cele- achieving a pass with

Stagecoach principal Helene Reynolds com-mented: "The early mented: grades are a marvellous way to introduce children and to language through the Art speaking of verse and

"They are excellent confidence-builders and develop an ability to communicate through clear, expressive and natural speaking.

"The higher grade have the added benefit of

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE Lions Club of Bridgend is sponsoring 'A Walk in the Park (or run if you like!)' on Sunday, October 9, from 2pm, at Bryngarw Park, Brynmenyn.

Also appearing is Dereck Brockway, TV weather nan, who will be helping the public to raise money for their favourite charity or community group.

Choose from one, two and three-mile routes. Visit www.bridgendlions.org.uk/walkinthepark or tele-phone Tony on 07780 940033.

There will also be arts and crafts, free live per-

formances and free arts workshops using recycled materials from the park.

Scouts' sale

THE 1st Pen-y-Fai Scout Group is holding a table top car boot sale at the Scout Hall in Court Coleman Road, Pen-y-Fai, on Saturday, October

15, at 10am-1pm.

To book a table, telephone Jacqui on 01656 674100 or mobile 07773239542 – (cost £5 per table or car). All proceeds will go towards the running of the 1st Pen-y-Fai Scout Group.

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St Clare's pupils pictured with headmaster John Aguilar, Mindshop facilitator Gill Burn and directors of host company Roma Medical.

Students get right down to business at Roma Medical

from a Porthcawl school recently spent a week at Roma Medical in Bridgend, solving a tricky problem.

Business studies stu-dents from St Clare's School took part in a work experience week with a difference.

Based at Roma

Based at Roma Medical, a manufacturer and supplier of mobility and rehabilitation products in Bridgend, the week was organised by Mindshop Excellence Program.

These differ signifiantly from traditional work experience programs, in that students to in small teams to spend one week with their host company, which provides a real problem for the team to

A Mindshop-trained facilitator then gives stuworkplace

Students are less likely than their adult counterparts to suppress new ideas and so often look at issues through fresh eves.

Roma Medical were asked to present the students with a real challenge that could actually make a difference to the company, rather than a purely theoretical problem to solve.

The company, which is already successful in the private market, asked the students to look at ways to break into the profitable – but incredibly competitive – NHS market. Gill Bi

Burn, Mindshop facilitator, worked with the pupils to help them understand various resources for business analysis, but

dents training in the basics of problem solving skills before resolving a given issue in the niques used.

At the end of their week at Roma, the group presented their findings to the company direc-tors, staff from the school and Fiona Davies Cardiff Business School, who commented that the presentation was of fantastic quality.

Roma's directors were impressed with the suggestions made by the group, which covered branding, the sales process, targets, product selection and more; and congratulated the group on the hard work they'd put in, as well as the

John Aguilar, head-master of St Clare's, commented: "The pupils spoke with confidence. bringing forward some fantastic ideas for the company.

Mindshop Excellence Program offers so much more than a traditional work experience placement. allowing students to gain an incredibly valuable insight into how companies function.

"We plan to stay in touch with Roma and look forward to hearing whether the students ideas make a differ-ence!"

Llanmaes quiz teams raise £600 for local causes



Chris Goacher, quizmaster, and Toni Reece.

THE Llanmaes weekly quiz on Wednesday evenings at The Blacksmith's Arms continues to raise money for local charities and good causes.

The photograph shows Isabel Atherton receiving a cheque for £300 from Tricia Emery (quiz organ-iser) on behalf of the Bridgend branch of The Samaritans.

Another £300 has also been raised by the quiz eams. On behalf of Llantwit Major Out-of-School Club, Toni Reece recently accepted a cheque for £300 from quizmaster Chris Goacher.

For the past few years, Toni and her quiz team have been regular participants at The Blacksmith's Arms on quiz night.



Tricia Emery and Isabel Atherton.

Charity warns: *'beware of pirates'* enterprises are increas-

A LOCAL charity looking to install free solar panels for householders says that unscrupulous salesmen are using its name to get a foot in the door.

Sustainable Wales (SW) in Porthcawl is part of a network of charities and social enterprises, working together to use the UK government's financial offer of 'FITs' (feed-intariffs) for community

The charity claims that salespeople from other companies are pre-tending to represent community groups, implying that they are linked with the network, known as 'G CEL', which operates across south Wales. However, once they

start talking to the home owner, they start intro-

ducing extra charges.
The director of SW,
Margaret Minhinnick,
said: "We all offer a completely free service, whereas some operators are making demands for immediate payment at the doorstep for scaffolding or lease agreements

"We're delighted to be part of G CEL. Because of government cuts, charities and social

ingly hard-pressed. "Thus, it is infuriating when unscrupulous salespeople - frankly. sunshine pirates attempt to poach our

She added: "Any money gained from the government FIT payments will go, in our case, into Sustainable Wales's environmental and community work.
"The FIT cash offers

a chink of light to community groups, at a time of chronic hardship. Thus, it is heartbreaking when possible clients are misled.

"Sustainable Wales is seeking householders with south-facing roofs, who want to be part of a truly exciting project.

"Yes, there is money to be made from solar electricity But this money should be used for community-gain."
Other charities in the

G-Cel group are: Creation Development Trust; New Sandfields Aberavon Development Trust; Green Renewable Wales: Glvncoch Community

Regeneration Ltd, and Action in Caerau – Ely.

For more informa-tion, contact Sustainable Wales on 01656 783405 or email info@sustainablewales.org.uk

Pioneering consultant lectures at Sandville





Andy Thomas in St. Michael's Church at Sandville, with Sister Jeanette Oakley and Sister Gwyneth Poacher.

'Check sewer connections' residents urged

ENVIRONMENT Environment Agency Wales and Wales Bridgend County
Borough Council
working hard to clean up
the Nant Cefn Glas,
which will also improve are urging residents to help clean up Ogmore Estuary and to neip clean up Ogmore Estuary and their local streams, Porthcawl Shellfish beds. by checking their homes are connect- through the project but drains.

Investigations carried out by agency contrac-tors and Dwr Cymru Welsh Water have found that wastewater from dishwashers, sinks and even toilets is being flushed directly into a local river

long-standing pollution er real environmental and to the Nant Cefn Glas social benefits for the stream, which has con-tributed to lower water quality in the Ogmore Estuary and Porthcawl Shellfish beds.

Initially, the project will focus on the Nant Cefn Glas stream, as sewage pipes from many houses on the estate surrounding the stream have been found to be incorrectly connected to surface water drains, instead of foul sewers.

Officers from Environment Agency Wales, Bridgend County Borough Council and Dwr Cymru Welsh Water are checking surface water drains and using CCTV drainage surveys Dwr Cymru Weish water are checking surface tions at their properties."

The project, which week, the days started at 6 am and the team shot and dye tracing to check end in September, but is connections at properties likely to be extended to the properties of the project of the project which week the days started at 6 am and the team shot at least four times a day, to the project with the project with the project with the project of the project with the project of the project with the project of the project when the project with the project of the project with the project which the project when the project which were the project when the project when the project which were the project when the project when the project which were the project when the project when

Gavin Bown from Bridgend.

"We're only halfway ed to the correct already householders have put right misconnections at eight proper-ties in the area and we have spoken to more than 50 local people. We hope this will make a real difference to the health of the stream.

"It won't happen overnight, but by work-The partnership project aims to tackle the partnership we can deliving together through this community."

Coun Phil White, cabinet member for communities, added: "By ensuring that your drains are correctly connected, you can help prevent damage to the environment, stop waste water from dishwashers, sinks and toilets entering local streams and rivers, and improve the quality of life in your own community.

"This is a very worth-while project and I would urge householders to do their bit by checking that

cover other areas of greatly aided the team's

ABOVE: Past, present and potential medical students at a recent get-together in the Sandville Self-Help Centre. Many of the current students were celebrating success at A-Level and preparing for university, while others were awaiting their GCSE examination results.

Porthcawl cadets excel at Bisley



The three Porthcawl cadets. all competition.

THIS year, 2347 (Porthcawl) Squadron attended a prestigious shooting competition in the cadet calendar. the Inter Service Cadet rifle meeting at Bisley, Surrey, the home of the National Rifle Association and shooting venue for the 2012 Olympics.

The competition involved teams from the three cadet organisations in the UK, namely the Sea Cadets, Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps.

The team was made up of three cadets from 2347 (Porthcawl) Squadron, Corporal William Spriggs, Cadet Glen Howell and Cadet Sam Mills. The fourth member of the team was by Corporal Tom Paige from 293 (Cowbridge) Squadron.

The team qualified high enough to be selected for 'pre-Bisley' (only the top 12 teams throughout the Air Training Corps qualify) which is held at Swynnerton.

The week was to further train the team on the rifle and get ready for the competition at Bisley.

It was a very intense

week, the days started at 6am and the team shot

The team arrived at Bisley on the Thursday

after a full day travelling from Swynnerton. The first shoot was Friday a 300-yard practice shoot, then the competition shoot. After the first shoot it moved to 600-

Saturday was the next full day of shooting, two 300-yard and two 500yard. Later that day, the scores were counted for the awards for Cadet 100.

Sadly, none of the team achieved a cadet 100, but two came close, namely Cpl Tom Paige (127th) and Cpl William Spriggs (157th).

It was a great result for the individuals and the team, as it was the squadron's first time at the competition and we were new to the rifles.

The squadron is going back next year and aims to bring home the awards! 2347 (Porthcawl)

Squadron are currently looking for new recruits aged 13-17, so if you fancy a challenge why not come along? The sauadron is based at: 40 Acre Site, off South Road, by Porthcawl, email oc.2347@air-

> FLT. LT. DORIAN MORGAN Officer Commanding 2347 (Porthcawl)



Andy Thomas, consultant urologist, with the Sandville medical students and Sister Gwyneth Poacher.

RECENTLY, Mr Andrew (Andy) Thomas, a consultant urologist, took time off from Bridgend, to lecture to potential medical students at the Sandville Self-Help Centre, Tôn Kenfig.

Andy is a consultant urologist who specialises in the treatment of who specialises in the treatment of prostate conditions. He has developed far-reaching techniques involving Green Light Laser treatment and the recent fascinating use of remote-controlled robotics.

use of remote-controlled robotics.
Andy has lectured world-wide
on the practical application of
these techniques and is a founder
of 'GLAZE', the charity which
has recently been upgraded to
national charity status by the
Charity Commission, Wales, and
re-named the Prostate Cymru
Cherity Trust Charity Trust.

The charity is currently launching its new 'Operation Robot' appeal (see www.roboticsurgerywales.com for details).

Introduced by Sister Gwyneth

Poacher, the illustrated lecture a his busy schedule at the just to the medical students, but Princess of Wales Hospital, also to guests and patients who were attending the centre at the time, and crowded into the main common room to hear Andy speak about his experiences.

The lecture was given in a relaxed manner, and was a composite presentation covering of Trade and Commerce, she is prostate cancer, its cause, effect entering the half-marathon run in and cure, the application of Green Light Laser techniques, the latest development in the use of remote

He also talked about his experience in climbing Mount chat about her prospects and what Kilimanjaro, as part of the '30 support she could get from Captain's Team' to raise funds for GLAZE. the charity, the effects of high-alti-tude climbing, the charity itself, and its future development under its new national status.

Students, guests and patients proved to be an entranced audience and the conclusion was met with resounding applause.

After the lecture, he was given

conducted tour of the Sandville given by Andy at Sandville was to Self-Help Centre by Sister a full house. Not as anticipated Gwyneth Poacher, accompanied just to the medical students, but by Sister Jeanette Oakley, District Nursing Sister.

One of the invited guests for the lecture, was Lorraine Stone of Truly Scrumptious, the bespoke fashion house in New Road, Porthcawl. With the support of the Porthcawl and District Chamber Cardiff this October with sponsor-ship in aid of GLAZE.

Lorraine is already in regular training for the half-marathon and she and Andy were able to have a chat about her prospects and what

Medical students who volunteer at Sandville have received the results of their A-Level examina-tions and are off to start their medical degree education at their selected universities.

Already, a new intake of enthusiastic potential medical students has started work at Sandville.



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Jieying Luo beats language barrier...

How a Chinese-speaking student won a place at Cambridge in two years!

A Chinese teenager has won a place at one of Britain's top universities against incredible odds.

Jieying Luo, aged 19, who achieved four A* A-Levels, only arrived in theis country in May 2009!

Jieying told The GEM: "I spent an average of 13 hours every day for five weeks before my seven exams in June 2011 in order to get these

At the time she was also working at the Oriental Diner in Broad Street, Barry, over the weekends.

Jieying plans to study

engineering at Cambridge university. She said: "I'm currently in my gap year in Gloucestershire, working for a global company called Delphi.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN David's Catholic College in Cardiff.



Jieying Luo with her proud mother Yangting at Jesus Collège, Cambridge.

Last year, while she was studying for her A-Levels, Jieying also won Yiwen behind, Yanting a gold reward in a nation-

Yanting, who came over to the UK three years before her.
"My mum had a very

very good and comfortable job in China workcalled Delphi.
"I'm very proud of what I've achieved and hope my success will encourage more young women to study sciences" able job in China work-ing as a finance controller in an electricity company, but she gave it all up to get me the oppo-

partially 'carbon neu-tral' biomass fuel – the carbon dioxide released

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which make up the

and engineering cours- tunity to study in the

al maths competition.

Jieying says her inspiration is her mother, hard work and long

"At the time, I was only able to talk to her on the phone once a week and most of the time she

was crying.
"She's damaged her hands with burning oil and chopping knives over the last five years. "It was brave of her to

go and live in a country

China. I then started offer."
working hard and Jieying actually achieved a lot during my exceeded what she need-

study years in China.
"I came to the UK in
May 2009 and had trouble getting onto an A-Level course because I applied later than local students."

"I had to work very hard, because everything was so different – the language, culture and education.

"I've faced a number of obstacles over the last two years, but also worked hard over the weekends to save money for university fees.

"At the beginning of my A-Level course, I needed to write down the translation for most of the words in my text book and was only able to understand about per cent of what the teacher was saying.

"Cambridge was my dream, but the tough admission competition really scared me.

"I spent every evening revising and talking in front of the mirror to practice my interview performance.

"After a long period waiting over Christmas, I received a conditional offer of two A* grades, and two A grades from

where she had problems communicating.
"I wasn't a hard-working girl until she left affect" in the state of th

"Last month, I got the news that the hard work had paid off and that I'd

achieved four A*s.
"I really want to take this opportunity to thank Jieying was eventually accepted by Saint so proud of me."

Cement firm gets the green light for fuels

UK has received the go-ahead to use two new waste-derived fuels at its Aberthaw Works in South

Wales. Environment Agency Wales has granted the company a permit to evaluate end-of-life tyres and Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) as a partial replacement for more traditional fuels in the energyintensive cement-mak-

ing process.
These fuels offer the company the opportunity to save up to 15,500 tonnes of coal each year and reduce carbon diox-ide emissions by up to 20,000 tonnes.

The company carried out a consultation exer-cise with the community before submitting its application. A Lafarge spokeswoman said: "Solid Recovered Fuel or SRF is processed from non-recyclable wastes generated from homes and other

"End-of-life tyres are scrap car and van tyres (more than 30 million of these are generated in the UK each year presenting a significant waste disposal problem

"Lafarge can help address this by using the tyres as a very compatible, high energy fuel in cement-making). GEM NOTE:
The fact that the car-

bon dioxide tonnage was larger than the coal tonnage appeared to be an anomaly. The spokeswoman

xplained: "Both SRS

AND, LO, CHRIS SAID: 'Let there be light!' THE September

meeting was held in the village hall, and members were welcomed back after the summer break.

The meeting began with president Novello Peters introducing the speaker for the evening, Chris Williams.

Chris is the attendant at Nash Point Lighthouse, and he gave a very interesting talk on lighthouses, explaining their history, the organi-sation of Trinity House and the way things have changed over the years. We were surprised at

the way lighthouses are funded, and we learned a lot about a service we generally take for grant-ed. We were particularly interested to hear details of our local lighthouse at Nash Point. The speaker was thanked by the vicepresident, Marjorie Nash.

Following teas, cof-fees and cakes, with time available for memers to chat and buy books from the bookstall, the result of the raffle was announced and then we began the

PENLLYN & DISTRICT WI NEWS

business section of the meeting.
The minutes were

read by secretary, Jane Exell, agreed and signed by the president, Novello Peters.

It was announced that we will be entering a team in the Federation Quiz on September 29, and we wish them every success!

All six members who completed the WI flower arranging course in Port Talbot were successful in their exams, with two members gaining distinctions and the rest achieving credits. Novello thanked

everyone who had taken part in WI Show in July, and proudly displayed the Margam Shield and the Bridgend Salver, which had been won by our institute. Prize winners were presented with their certificates. Well

done to all! Several of our members have joined the fed-eration choir and are preparing for the

Concert in Swansea in December.

Members were informed of various forthcoming events, and we were reminded about our institute's annual Walking Treasure Hunt, which will be on

Wednesday, October 12. Members were encouraged to take photographs of 'glimpses of Glamorgan' to enter for the federation 2013 calendar

MIKE IS LIVE IN PENLLYN!

OUR next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 7.30pm, in the village hall and our speaker will be Mike Wilcock, talking about 'My time as a dance

promoter in the 1960s.

New members are always warmly welcomed; we meet on the first Tuesday in every month (except August), at 7.30pm in Penllyn Village Hall. For further information contact Novello 01656 674191 or Marjorie 01656 647115.

Local farmers make one last appeal to save the Cowbridge cattle market

A SENIOR delegation from the farming community presented a petition to the Vale Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, last S a t u r d a y (September 17) in a last-ditch attempt save Cowbridge market.

Earlier this vear. negotiations between the Vale Council and Glamorgan Marts, the operators of the market, appeared to have broken down, and it looked as if the market was going to close last May.

At almost the last

moment, a one-year

extension was granted. Some farmers took heart from the absence of any council plans for the site, but the situation changed in June, when the council invited tenders from companies to buy the land, with the proviso that these com-panies should build an extra care facility for the elderly - or similar housing units.

A delegation from the National Farmers' Union (NFU) and the Wales (FUW) sought out Coun Kemp at the 'Vale on the Road' event at the town hall, when cabinet members and senior council officers were on hand to meet the public.

They met behind closed doors for 25 minutes, and asked the leader to consider a number of points, including the fact that in the last 12 months (September 7, 2010 to August 30, 2011) a total of 27,614 animals (all sheep) were sold at the market - an average of 541 per week.

The area secretary for the NFU, David Harris, said in a letter to Coun Kemp that he had studied the cabinet minutes relating to the decision to sell the cattle market site, and could find no evidence that the economic effect of the decision on farming busi-nesses in the Vale had been discussed.

One local farmer, David Harris (no relalocal farmer, tion) told The GEM:
"Closing the market will leave farmers with a choice of taking animals to market in either Carmarthen

Report by PĤILIP **IRWIN**

Abergavenny."

The delegation listed number of extra costs that this would entail. including the obvious one of lorries travelling up to an extra 116 miles to get to market and back.

Taking livestock fur-ther afield would mean that all farmers in the Vale would incur the extra expense of having to apply for a Level 2 Certificate in the wel-fare of animals during transport.

Also cited were the extra time away from their farm, and the likelihood of Cowbridge businesses losing trade because the farmers would be forced to go elsewhere.

They also said that the extra miles would put greater stress on the animals, something that would cause loss of weight and therefore loss of value to the farmer.

The delegation quot-ed Coun Kemp's own

reminding him of what he had said when the market was given that one-year extension in

Coun Kemp's statement at the time was: "This is great news for Cowbridge and the farming community.

immediate "The future of the market is secure, and we wish the operators a successful trading year."

The delegation said that if the council was

set on an extra care facility, then it should use either the Lower School site or the now-vacant Sixth Form building on Aberthin Road.

Negotations Taylor Wimpey for the sale of the Lower School site are at an advanced stage, but nothing has, as yet, been announced about the future of the sixth form

building.

The farmers also rgued that the existing buildings on those two sites could be converted for extra care accommo-

They argued that, if the council was deter-mined to "impose this

nity", the developer should be obliged to provide an alternative market elsewhere in the Vale, a requirement that had been included in a 2001 development brief.

NFU secretary David Harris added: "I hope public opinion can change the council's mind so that the market is retained, the total site improved and used by other organisations for

events and car parking. Alun John, the chairman of the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, said that this would keep Cowbridge as a historic market town, something that was also supported by local town and com-

munity councils.

Speaking after the meeting, Coun Gordon Kemp said: "A useful discussion took place and a further meeting is being arranged."

However, he did not

appear to favour the farmers' alternative saying: lower school site is owned by a trust and has been sold to a developer.

The sixth form would be too small for an extra care facility.

HAVE YOU LOST A CAT?



THIS friendly, longhaired beige cat was found in the car park of the Premier Inn at Cefn Hirgoed.

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BRIDGEND county (Bridgend).
The well-attended meeting enjoyed entertainment by Kate Williams, a local poet from Peterston-super-Ely, who read and sang her poems accompanied by a guitar.

The service given by students of gend College Bridgend College catering department was superb,. Three very capable students, under the supervision of Ann

Woodhall, were busy serving and attending to the guests, including the Mayor Mayoress of the county

borough.

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Mum Sandra shocked at her lottery windfall

THE Slack family were celebrating last week, after Mum, Sandra, learned she had won the £5,000 rollover prize in the Tŷ Hafan Crackerjackpot lot-

A "shocked and delighted" Sandra from Barry, said she had never won anything before and had become a member of the Ty Hafan lottery simply to support a local charity close to her heart.

As her daughter Emma is getting married next year, the windfall couldn't have come at a better time, she added.

Tŷ Hafan spokeswoman Liz Rundle explained: "The Crackerjackpot lottery makes "a significant contribution" towards the £3 million needed every year to ensure Tŷ Hafan can continue offering its valuable care and support to the increasing number of families in Wales who so desperately need it."

For more information on how you can become a member of Crackerjackpot, call 02920 672060 or visit www.tyhafan.org

PEDAL POW

stars Ray rugby Giles, Andrew Lewis and Simon Hill, are cycling organisation, which not from End to Prostate Cymru, which helps to fund prostate treatment for men in Wales.

They will be joined Way' 120 miles a day 'Cyclothon' by friends and supporters of the John only finances high-tech-O'Groats to Land's nology treatments, but support also promotes increased awareness of prostate disease.

The ride which would normally take at least 10 days, will be

completed in seven days. on the 'Doing it the Hard They are supported by a helping us to raise funds Way' 120 miles a day full back-up team, that will enable our misback-up including Alun Clement orthopaedic and trauma surgeon with Abertawe Morgannwg University Health Board.

> of Prostate Wales Charity Trust, Ray Murray, of Cowbridge, said: "We are extremely grateful that Ray, Andrew, Simon and the other three supporters are doing this ment." very challenging ride for He our charity. It will be a have contributed funding tion and a video diary of gruelling slog, from the for the Centre of the journey can be seen a very north of Scotland to Excellence for Green www.prostatecymru.com the tip of Cornwall.

"Their sion to provide prostate our former disease patients in Wales Charity.
trauma with the best treatment. "It has focused on the

Bro increase Chairman and founder UK, prostate canc f Prostate Wales Charity claims 11,000 lives that men are aware of the symptoms and get early People can support the symptoms and get early medical advice and treatcharity and the cyclists at

He continued: "We

prostate Princess Hospital Bridgend, via Glaze

"We also want to provision of equipment crease awareness and training for healthamong men of prostate care professionals. With disease. Throughout the Prostate Cymru we are cancer now moving up a gear to a help finance the very latyear – many of them in est surgical equipment.
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OPERATION Christmas Child, the annual children's charity campaign, set to launch in the Vale from September 24, is looking to supporters to continue providing shoeboxes filled with gifts for needy children overseas.

Cardiff, South Glamorgan and Vale of Glamorgan area coordinator for Operation Christmas Child, Ted Bird said: "We are one of the UK's largest annual children's charity projects, distributing over one million giftfilled shoeboxes to needy children at Christmas time last year: 2011 is the 21st year of Operation Christmas

The level of support from across the county is vital to the continued success of the project and we know we can count on people's bigheartedness even in dif-

ficult economic times.

"Last year, we received shoeboxes from supporters in a wide range of communities including Barry, Cardiff, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Llantwit Major, Penarth, Radyr, Rhoose and Taff's-Well and over 12,300 gift-filled shoe boxes were distributed to

Belarus, Crimea and

"It's wonderful to think that we are a small part of such a large glob-al project that is doing so much good for mil-lions of children.

Operation Christmas Child is an initiative of Samaritan's Purse, a

development organisation.

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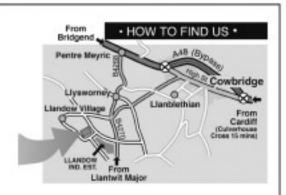


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Good news for the aerospace sector, but not such good news for one town in the Vale, as...

ST ATHAN GETS AN ENTERPRISE ZONE BONANZA

been chosen by the Assembly Government to be an enterprise zone specialising in the aerospace sector.

The decision has disappointed campaigners in Barry, who were arguing for a larger enterprise zone, one that included Cardiff, Barry and St Athan.

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

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civilian

Athan site.

levers to develop the

industry from the St

Barry designated as a

regeneration area by the

Welsh Government, the Vale Council can now

move forward with the

backing of government and the opportunities

that enterprise zones

will bring.
"This will mean jobs,

training and economic opportunity for St Athan and the wider area I represent, and I

am delighted with this good news for my con-

stituents and the aero-

space industry in Wales."

spokesman for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson said: "I

am very pleased that the Welsh Government has

followed a sectoral

route of investment in

areas to specialise in specific industries, to

create local hubs and develop international level skill-bases and

best practice in those

Aerospace Business Park has been a long

time in the planning stage, and I hope that

this new investment kickstarts those plans.

"However the UK Coalition Government

is only providing £10 million in total in Wales

for all five enterprise

zones, so we wait to see

whether additional funding will be avail-

Plaid

fields

'The St

Cymru's

"With the town of

aerospace

The decision was announced on Monday, the Minister, Edwina Hart, who announced four other Welsh enterprise zones - each specialising in a different business area.

 Cardiff Central Business District - with

Business

The other four are:

Brass band contest has a bright future

Miners' gural Miners' Welfare Brass Band entertainment contest at the Grand Pavilio, Porthcawl, on Sunday, the audience stood in silence – in memory of the four miners who lost their lives at the Gleision disaster, while the Blaenavon Band played 'Abide With

Attendances most encouraging for this 'new' contest with almost 300 paying customers.

Me'.

Andrew Morse, the regional manager of CISWO south Wales, said: "There has been wonderful support for this event.

"I have every confidence that we, as spon-sors, through the South Wales Miners' Welfare Trust Fund Scheme, can already start planning for

recent

Bridge

evenings

DURING the inau- this should now become a fixed event in the Grand Pavilion calen-

The premier award, the South Wales Miners' Challenge Cup, was presented by Mr Tyrone O'Sullivan, one of the trustees, to the Lewis Merthyr Band

The runners-up, Treherbert Band, were presented with the Wales TUC Challenge Cup by Mr Amarjite Singh, vicepresident of the Wales

The third prize was presented by the MP for Bridgend, who kindly donated the cup, namely the Madeleine Moon Cup, to the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band.

RESULTS:

Adjudicator Melvin White

- 1. Lewis Merthyr (Gavin Pritchard) 182 2. Treherbert (Craig
- Roberts) 180
- (Alan Bourne) 178.

BRIDGEND BRIDGE

a particular focus on the financial services sec-

Ynys Mon focused on the energy

sector.

• Deeside – with a focus on the advanced manufacturing sector.

• Ebbw Vale - with a focus on the automotive

Mrs Hart said that the five areas had been singled out because "...we need to get best value from the very modest consequential funding of approximately \$10m. of approximately £10m from the UK Government. "I am not losing sight of the very real eco-

nomic challenges faced by other areas of Wales. Therefore, while these are the preferred locations, in the first stage, we remain open to opportunities as they arise in other areas of Wales where we are already in discussion

with local partners." Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "Of course, I'm delighted that St Athan has won enterprise zone status, but I can't believe that Barry has missed out once again.

"Aeronautics hugely cyclical and pinning economic hopes on one sector in just one area is not necessarily most sensible option."

He said that there are "significant plans" to expand MoD St Athan, and hoped that the enterprise zone status could play a part in developing some facilities nearby.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "This is welcome

for the Giving St Athan enterprise zone status will raise real economic prospects for the county recent years. as a whole, providing the incentives and

six years."
Paul Haley, of the

'Pride in Barry' group told The GEM that he felt he had been 'out-lobbied' by the Cardiff

business community.

Mr Haley, with the support of Associated British Ports, Dow Corning, Persimmon Homes, and Vale MP Alun Cairns, had been pushing for an enterprise zone that would stretch from Cardiff to St Athan, giving Barry a chance to be at the centre of it.

He said; "Cardiff didn't need to be an enterprise zone, but it shows how powerful the lobbying groups are there.
"We thought that a

company such as Admiral, for instance, could have been attracted to Barry Waterfront, but it looks as if they will go to Cardiff instead." He said: "The Welsh

Government already owns the Aerospace

"If they do come, the question is, has the enterprise zone clinched it, or would they have

decision puts Barry fur-ther into the dark shadow of Cardiff."

the Assembly, Andrew RT Davies AM, said: "Hopefully, this will act as a catalyst to reinvigorate the St Athan Aerospace Park project, which has stagnated in

"Having said that, I'm sceptical that the Welsh Government has any real idea how they will bring this project closer to reality, having been working on it with little success for at least

Business Park, and I understand that there are companies interested already.

come anyway?"

He added: "This



ABOVE: Porthcawl Mayor Coun Barbara Stubbs with Jean Schofield of Porthcawl KRUF and Roy Thomas of Kidney Wales.

KIDNEY WALES **COFFEE MORNING** RAISES £370 AT PORTHCAWL HOTEL

fundraising coffee morning of the Porthcawl branch of Kidney Wales at the Atlantic Hotel was well attended.

The Mayor, Coun Barbara Stubbs, and her husband Bill supported the event and Roy Thomas, executive chairman of Kidney Wales, accepted an invitation to attend and receive a cheque for

£2,500 from Mrs Jean Schofield, chairman of the Porthcawl committee. Mrs

Schofield explained that the money was raised at events organised by the committee Porthcawl and would

Porthcawl and would be used by Kidney Wales towards the salary of a specialist social worker at the Children's Kidney Centre for Wales.

The Mayor and Roy Thomas praised the

committee for their hard work in fundraising over many years.

The coffee morning raised more than £370. Mrs Schofield thanked the members of the committee and friends for the hard work in organising the raffle, cake stall, book stall and bric-a-brac stall which helped raise that amount, but most of all thanked all those who attended and gave so generously.

Follow the Feastival leek on its journey all the way to Bridgend!

THE Great Welsh Leek Relay will again spearhead Bridgend's Feastival (the Wales Alternative Food Festival).

A spokeswoman reported that the relay will again be headed by double Olympian marathon runner Steve Brace and his team of elite athletes.

The team will run, cycle and swim the length of Wales with a north Wales, all the way down to Bridgend in

time to open Feastival. The relay sets off from Bangor on Tuesday, September 27, weaves its way down to Portmeirion and then on to Aberaeron.

It will leave Swansea on September 30 on a short leg to officially open Feastival at lunchtime on the same

day.
Steve said: "The idea was to show how food over great distance does not travel so well. It was such an unusual thing to do and a great way to promote the beauty of Wales while raising awareness of the food miles issue.

"We're delighted to be involved with this unique Welsh event again this year, and so looking forward to seeing the huge support that we get en route. It helps massively."

Feastival is organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and is being held in Bridgend town centre on September 30 and October 1

Coun David Sage.

freshly picked leek from a field in Buckley in said: "It's great news that the leek relay is returning and we look forward to welcoming Steve and his team with this very unusual, very Welsh baton! It's a fun way of raising the serious issue of food miles.

"Visitors to Feastival will be pleased to know they can enjoy plenty of great, local produce which has not had to travel nearly so far."

Feastival has a whole host of new flavours this year including 'Marmite on toast' artist Nathan Wyburn, the Egg Drop Championship, a 'Leek Lobbing' competition, Little Italy and Chefs on Stilts.

You can check the leek relay's progress as they snake their way down through Wales on twitter at

www.twitter.com/followtheleek or #leekre-

Full details of the event and the Facebook page can be accessed via www.walesalternativefoodfestival.com.

CLUB ROUND-UP The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives in THE top three at Mike Best; second, John Beard; Bridgend Norma and David Dennis Childs and Steve MacmillanBurgoyne; third,

Club Newman; Mary Moore and were: September 14, first, John Beard. **September 14, first,** On September 16, **Liam Sheridan and** first, Mary Moore and

Yynsawdre Village Hall annual meeting

ON Thursday, October 27, there will be a special general meeting at Ynysawdre Village Hall at 6pm, at which all members of the community are welcome.

The new committee would welcome any views residents would like to put forward.

The main focus is to adopt the new constitution for Ynysawdre Village Hall. Îf you would like to view a copy of the dawna12001@yahoo.co.uk. constitution. email

third, Vida and Glyn Halford and Williams.

The club meets at 7pm Wednesday and Friday evenings Nolton Church Hall and a warm welcome is assured for both new members and visitors.

A host system is running for those who don't a partner on Fridays, and a partnerfinder system operates on Wednesdays. Full details on the club website - simgoogle Bridgend Bridge Club.

coffee morning MACMILLAN

Cancer Support holds the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 30.

Last year, residents of Bridgend county borough hosted 109 coffee mornings, and raised £15,000.

For further informa tion visit www.macmil-DAVID lan.org.uk/coffee or call NEWMAN | 0845 070 1315

Harvest auction day at Laleston

NEWS FROM LALESTON WI

LALESTON WI meetings re-started after the summer break with the annual har-

As has been the custom, the auction was in the capable hands of Mrs Maureen Morgan, who conducted proceedings in her usual entertaining manner. Arrangements were made for the link meeting today (September 22) in Aberkenfig. The council meeting in Port Talbot on October 5 was discussed.

The luncheon club was due to meet on September 20 at Hunter's Lodge. The next meeting will be on October 6 and will be

Mother escapes prison

A MOTHER who broke her baby daughter's left arm, has escaped prison at Cardiff Crown Court.

The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, and who cannot be named for legal reasons and who cannot be named for le

Cardiff Crown Court.

The woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, and who lives in the Vale of Glamorgan, was said to have been "virtually a prisoner" in her home.

She was convicted by Vale Magistrates of offences of wounding and assault by beating, and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

They were told the trild had

Court for sentence.

She was jailed for nine months, suspended for 18 months, made subject to a supervision order for 18 months, has to observe a 9pm to 7am curfew for four months,

They were told the child had rolled off the sofa and the mother

had grabbed her arm.
She was taken to the University
Hospital of Wales, where an x-ray
revealed a fracture of the left arm.

clean character.

"She is not a wicked woman who set out to hurt her child. Her partner had virtually imprisoned her in her home for six weeks."

He said she suffered depression and for those weeks, she was

under unrelenting pressure.

He said she even had to hide money for food, so that her partner would not use it to buy cannabis.

The child, he said, was now







Penfest 2011 thumbs its nose at the weather!







RAFFLE WINNER'S DELIGHT.

Urban Solar



THERE may have been rain around the Vale, but on Saturday, September 10, we had very good weather for Penfest 2011 - Penmark's fifth music festival.

Yes, it did rain - for all of five minutes - and the sun we had more than made up for that.

Aubrev Bowen kindly allowed us to use his orchard by the castle ruins again, and it really is a beautiful setting for an event like this.

The festival opened with a peal by the Bellringers from St

Mary's Church, just over the wall from the festival ground. St Mary's Church itself had been decorated and was open for visitors who could also inspect the registers.

Once the ringers had finished, the Llancarfan School Recorder Group started a full and varied programme of music which lasted well into

the evening.
All the acts were really great but some deserve a special mention.

Roseanna Forte, who is going to Oxford to study music, and her friend Hannah, played string duets for us while

Sophie Thomas, Lucy Atkins, Seren Adamson, Dan and Andrew Wigley and Will John and Harry Brookes played and sang a wide selection of music. Folk music came

next with Thingamijig, who even managed to get many of the younger members of the audience to dance.

As evening came down, we went for heavy metal with The Unknowns, who have appeared at nearly all our festivals and who were followed by our local star, Chloe Davies.

Then Andy Johnson sang a wide range of popular songs to round



off an excellent event compered as usual by Mac Perry, who also performed and helped to set up the equipment. A great effort, thanks Mac!

We think some people were put off by the weather during the week but even so at least 240 people turned up - sometimes they were so enthusiastic it seemed like more.

Lunch, a pork roll with salad followed by homemade apple crum-ble, went down very well, the bar did a lot of business all through the day, and the cash barbecue allowed everyone to refuel before the later

The Six Bells. Penmark and RAN Sales and Hire of Barry sponsored us and many people and firms gave us all sorts of help to allow us to put on this very successful event.
The event is normally

run to raise money for our Village Hall but this vear we will be making a donation to Motor Neurone Disease Charities in memory of Ann Radcliffe.

Thanks to everyone who helped us and to everyone who attended – we hope you all had a great time and look forward to seeing you next year.



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A 'positive performance for social care services'

COUNCIL IS TOLD

SOCIAL care services tor has prioritised a numare improving and ber of further improve-people in need are better supported - that's es, including bringing in new models of care so message from gend County Bridgend director of social services in her annual report.
BCBC cabinet mem-

bers have also been told how the response time to to the rauthorities.

The report w individuals who needed social care services has got better, despite an overall increase in new referrals.

rate director for wellbeing, said a greater number of adults can now live more independent lives more independent lives through developments such as the network of shows a positive and improving picture of special care services in

ment services.

Other achievements a council, we are cominclude: shoring up front line safeguarding and support teams, need us from cradle to improving the range of grave.

support services avail
"I'm confident that we

also heard that the direc- do."

that more people can live Council's safely and independently at home, being more 'customer-focussed' and delivering more services in collaboration with

The report will form part of the Welsh Government's review of all 22 local authorities and will feed in to the overall analysis of social In her report, Abigail Services and social care in Wales to inform policy

Welcoming the report, Coun Lyn Morgan, BCBC cabinet member day centres, telecare installations and reable day centres and reable day centres.

Bridgend county borough. As a cabinet and as a cabinet and

support services available to families and have excellent safe-falling sickness levels guards and initiatives in among staff, thanks to improved management mindful of what addiminations. improved management mindful of what addi-But cabinet members tional work we need to

Cowbridge pack tip the balance in a rain-affected game at Porthcawl

PORTHCAWL welcomed Cowbridge to South Road for their first meeting in 25 years – and it turned out to be a frustrating afternoon for the home side.

It was obvious that they had by far the most dangerous back on the field in centre Jordan Skidmore, who scored two tries in the first half. In contrast, the only Cowbridge back to impress was their outside half, Carwyn Morgan,

who kicked well out of hand and also con-

tributed 13 points in the match via the boot.

Porthcawl's hopes of getting the ball to Skidmoew took a knock at half-time, when the heavens opened with the heaviest rain of the

Spectators retreated to the clubhouse or grandstand, while the players stood forlornly taking a thorough drenching!

The soaked field meant that handling in the second half was difficult – not that Cowbridge

were concerned, because their pack were in con-

They scored two pushover tries (one in each half) and also drove over from 10 metres after a scrum had been held up.

It meant that the experienced Cowbridge No and captain, Ross Llewellyn, bagged a hattrick of tries.

Porthcawl 19, Cowbridge 28

Philip Irwin





ABOVE: Jordan Skidmore looks to make a break.

LEFT: Cowbridge outside half Carwyn Morgan being tracked by Matthew Owen.

> Photos marked 'TW' are by Tracey Williams.

Photos marked 'JP' are by James Palmer.



ABOVE: Porthcawl wing Gareth Richards and full-back Ollie Jones move in to make a tackle.



ABOVE: Jordan Skidmore puts in a tackle, hoping that reinforcements arrive quickly!

Firefighters' 200-mile cycle ride for Logan

ON September 18, a total of 11 firefighters and friends completed their three-day 200mile bike ride from Caernarfon Fire Station to Porthcawl Fire Station, in aid of the Logan Évans Appeal Fund and the Firefighters' charity.

The ride was organ-ised by crew manager

Flower

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PENCOED Flower

Arrangement

Society will hold

two meetings in

October on Monday

On October 3, Mrs Sheila Jewell of Pencoed

will be giving a talk and

demonstration on plant

propagation . On October 17, Mrs

Elizabeth Gordon, of Swansea, a floral art demonstrator who has

won many prizes at The Royal Welsh and Chelsea

Flower shows, will be interpreting 'Season's Pickings' and her arrangements will be raf-

First time visitors will

the lecture room.

station, we are always looking for ways in which we can help the local charities, as well as the Firefighters' charity. "When we heard

what had happened to Logan, and as his family are close friends of the fire crew here at Porthcawl, we decided to do this 200 mile challenge.

David Lloyd, who said:

"As a community fire

"The whole ride was done in torrential rain and wind, it must have been the worst

September weather for years, but we all helped each other along, as we evenings, at 7pm in knew we were doing it for two important caus-

> Firefighter Alun Williams said: "We would like to thank the people of Porthcawl, Pietro's Cafe, Solo Hairdressers, ONIT Sports and the people of Porthcawl for their support and generosity.

"There is still time to donate to this worthwhile cause by either calling into the fire station in Porthcawl, or be admitted free for that evening - all are welcome ing.com/firefighterscy-Contact 01656 657796 cletourofwales"

DRUGS: Bridgend suppliers are jailed

sent to prison, after they were arrested as part of an operation to tackle drugs supply in the Bridgend area.

Karl Bryn Jenkins, aged 26, and Kylie O'Connor, aged 28, were arrested in June at an address in Tremgarth, Wildmill, for offences of supplying and offering to supply heroin in Bridgend town centre during

Bridgend town centre during Operation Hutton.

They were both charged with offences linked to their supply of heroin and were sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court on Tuesday this week, having pleaded guilty.

Jenkins received a sentence of

three-and-a-half years and O'Connor

received two-and-a-half-years.

Police launched the arrest phase of Operation Hutton in May following months of preparation work.

Detective Inspector Jason Redrup said: "Operation Hutton is aimed at disrupting the drugs supply market in Bridgend and is part of a wide-ranging partnership effort to ensure Bridgend remains a safe and secure place.

'We have deployed covert tactics in order to assist us in our continued dis-ruption of the drugs market.

"This activity has been going on for many months and we have made some significant inroads into the drugs supply market

Operation Hutton was first

TWO drug dealers have been launched in 2007 and used undercover police to severely disrupt the drugs market in Bridgend. The ongoing police activity is a continuation of the previous operation.

DI Redrup added: "It is anticipated that as Operation Hutton progresses, its impact upon the supply and availability of class A drugs within the bor

ough will become greater.
"With this in mind, it may be time for those affected to reflect on their addiction and take advantage of the support services available to them.

The police service recognises that recovery from drug addiction is a serious challenge for both the individual and society and that proper support can make a difference

"As a result of the initial success of Operation Hutton, it is acknowledged by the police that there will be repercussions affecting the supply and availability of heroin in the local drugs market.

"With this in mind, Bridgend Police have been in liaison with the Bridgend public health team at an early stage in the investigation to warn them of any possible impact upon the service provision for drug users in the borough."

• If anyone has information regarding the supply of drugs, problem premises in their community, or anti-social behaviour, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Contractor named for multi-million pound new school

THE contractor to build the new multi-million pound 'Gateway to the Valleys' second-ary school and community campus at Tondu has been formally approved and a grant of over £26m from the Welsh Government to help fund it has been accepted.

Y e s t e r d a y (Wednesday) Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet officially confirmed Leadbitter as the main contractor to construct the new Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen. The school opened on

September 1 as a split site school, following the merger of Ogmore and Ynysawdre comprehensives, but the new building will create a world-class facility for pupils and the wider community.

Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen will accommodate 1,570 pupils aged 11 - 18 on the site formerly occupied by Y n y s a w d r e Comprehensive and Archbishop McGrath Roman Catholic Comprehensive.
It will also incorpo-

rate extensive communi-ty facilities for use both within and outside of school hours.

It's being funded by Bridgend Council's Borough schools modernisation programme and £26m awarded by the Welsh Government as part of its £144 million investment in schools across

Now plans are complete and a contractor appointed, the council can formally accept the

Coun Alana Davies, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen will offer young people from our valley areas a first-class learning environment, as well as a wonderful, multi-purpose facility for the community it serves around the clock and throughout the year

"I am excited to think that we will shortly have this flag-ship facility on our doorstep and that we in Bridgend county bor-ough will be leading the way for other communi-ties right around the UK to follow.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for resources, added: "We thank the Welsh Government for the £26m in essential funding, in addition to the multi million pound investment from our own budget.

"Together, we will create a new school which will be truly world-class.

"We can hold our heads high, when we consider just what we have delivered for the children and young peo-ple of this borough."

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Cosy nest NEST (Making Wales Cosy) a Welsh Government pro-gramme will be holding an informal advice surgery at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on September 29, 10am-11.30am. An advisor will be available to give practical advice on energy-related issues such as insulation and ways of saving energy. Contact 01446 732385. Art society A meeting of the Cowbridge Art Society will be held at 7pm on September 29 in the annexe of Old Hall, High Street. Cowbridge, when Barry Herniman will

be giving a watercolour demonstration. Non-members are welcome to attend Gardening club THE Cowbridge Gardening Club will meet again after the summer break on September 29 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Town Hall, Cowbridge, when the speaker will be Mrs Enid Hart with a talk entitled 'All about clematis'

Spiritualists' meeting

CADOXTON Christian Spiritualist Church, Kenilworth Road, is holding a spiritual photographic evening with Emma and Gareth on September 29, at 7pm. £2.50 at the door. All

WHAT'S ON - in brief

proceeds goes towards the renovation of the church.

Railway talk THE first lecture of the 2011-2012 season by the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Co, Barry (formally the Barry Island Railway) will take place on Thursday, September 29, in Barry Dock onservative Club at 7.30pm.

Local historian Mr Gavin Davies will talk about the worst disaster to have happened on a railway in Britain. In 1915, a troop train carrying soldiers en-

route to the fighting in France collided with an empty passenger train, north of Carlisle. An express then ploughed into the wreckage.

Mr Davies, who is a member of the Western Front Society, will also talk about other accidents involving troop trains. New members are always welcome.

Art auction for charity ORIGINAL work by Welsh artists will go under the hammer for charity next week.

Shelter Cymru auctions have become a popular fixture of the Welsh arts scene. This year, a record 54 artists have contributed 72 pieces and organisers are hoping this will help

them match the £27,000 raised by last year's auctions

One of the auctions takes place on September 30 at the Washington Gallery, Penarth.

Entry is via a bidding ticket available free from Shelter Cymru. Email fundraising@sheltercymru.org.uk or phone 01792 469400.

Kettle on for charity

ON Friday, September 30, Arthur and Carole, who work at WA Brown & Son, Funeral Directors in Llantwit Major, will be taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning in aid of Macmillan

Cancer Support.
The office in College
Street, Llantwit Major, will be serving coffee (and tea) with biscuits between 10am and 1pm in exchange for a dona-tion, however small or large. For further informa

tion, call 01446 792489. Charity dinner VALEPLUS, the Valebased charity that pro-vides lifelong learning and leisure opportuni-ties for people with a learning disability, holds its annual dinner dance on September 30 at 7.30pm in the

Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Barry. Tickets cost £17.50. There will be a three-

course meal and disco. The theme will be 'A Masked Ball'.

Contact Melanie or Steve on 01446 746691 or by email steve@valeplus.or.uk.

Pub songs THE Half Tidy singing group will be appear-ing at the Sportsman's Rest pub, Peterstonsuper-Ely, on Friday, September 30, when a collection for the 2012 Eisteddfod appeal will be taken during the sing-along evening. How to

keep active VALE Older People's Strategy Forum will mark Older People's Day on October 1 with advice on 'Getting and Staying Active' at the Cowbridge Town Hall, from 9am-1pm.

Try Nordic walking, indoor sports activities, computer tasters and browse information stalls.

Friends' coffee FRIENDS and Neighbours are celebrating Older Persons' Day on Saturday, October 1, with a cof-fee morning at The Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry.

The event will be opened by Jane Hutt AM at 10am Admission is free and there will be a wide range of stalls. All proceeds for Friends and Neighbours' Christmas party and other activities. Contact Gay Fifield on 01446 400044 for further information.



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TOUCH of Hollywoodstyle fever came to Cowbridge on Saturday (September 17) when the star of Torchwood and Desperate Housewives, John Barrowman. opened the new Dogs Trust charity shop in the town.

The actor is a long-standing patron of the charity, and he started the celebrations at



12pm, declaring the shop open with the help of his dog, Harris.

The actor stayed for more than an hour, signing autographs non-stop, (see left) as well as having photographs taken with shoppers.

A Dogs Trust spokes-woman said: "The event was a huge success as the public joined in the festivities and enjoyed drinks and nibbles.

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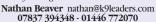
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Musicians of the Vale will be holding a concert of vocal and instru-mental music on September 24, at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge. There will be a song recital on Tuesday, September 27 and a charity chamber music concert on September 30 (both at 30pm in the church).

Full details at www.cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk

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What's on and where in your area

Miscellany of Music BARRY Choral Society invites the pub-lic to a Miscellany of Music at All Saints Church, Barry, tomor-row (September 24) at 7.30pm.

Under the musical direction of conductor Eugene Monteith, and accompanied by pianist Emma Arscott, the choir will perform music by a

variety of composers.

It includes Brahms' How Lovely are Thy Dwellings from his German Requiem, Irish Blessing by Bob Chilcott, Ave Verum by Elgar, Locus Iste by Bruckner, The Seal Lullaby by Eric
Whitacre and Rutter's The Lord Bless You and Keep You.

The choir will also sing two Kandar and Ebb pieces and Gwyn Arch's arrangement of 'Fly Me To The Moon'.

The choir will per-rm the winning entry form the winning entry in their Royal Welsh College of Music and DramaComposition Prize – an annual prize donated by the choir. The winner was

Thomas Morgan, with his arrangement of 'Love Divine All Loves

Excelling'.
Other pieces will include the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's

Tickets, at £6, are available from Harmony Furnishings, High Street, or at the door.

Coffee morning A COFFEE morning in aid of restoration work on two local historic buildings in Llantwit – The Galilee Chapel at St Illtud's Church and Bethesda'r Fro Chapel at Eglwys Brewis, will be held on September 24, at 10.30am at West Farm, West Street. Pay on the door. Some

Harvest service in Penarth

parking in field.

ALL Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a special family service to celebrate Harvest on Sunday, October 2, at 10am.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Gifts of fresh fruit and vegeta-bles or dry goods will be much appreciated, for distribution within the parish. All are welcome

The parish of Penarth All Saints is launching another Alpha course this autumn. Alpha is an informal way to explore the Christian faith through talks and discussion over a meal.

This year's course will begin with a 'taster' session on Wednesday, October 5 at 7.30pm all will be welcome, of any faith, or none.

For further details, contact Becca on 02920 709467

Football

for girls
A NEW weekly 'turn
up and play' football
session for girls starts at Parc Bryn y Don, Dinas Powys, on September 24, between 12pm and 1pm for girls of all ages and giris of a abilities.

For details, contact Grant Kalahar on 07792 223573.

Garin speaks FORMER Wales rugby international Garin Jenkins will be speaking at Salem Baptist Church, Beryl Road, Barry, this Sunday, September 25, at 11am. Barry Ladies Choir will also be singing on the day. Everybody welcome. Free admission.

For further information, contact Chris Lacey of Salem Baptist Church on 07414 187

Back to church BARRY churches are joining the national 'Back to Church' campaign on September 25. St Paul's Church is

located in St Paul's Avenue, next to High Street School and the rvice starts at 10am

Valeways walks VALEWAYS guided walks for September last for 60-90 minutes, except for extended walks which last for up

to two hours.
Sunday, September
25 at 2pm: 'Autumn's start' at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys. For details, telephone 01446 749000.

Harvest festival HOLY Trinity Presbyterian Church, Barry, is holding harvest services on

Sunday, September 25, a 11am and 6pm with Rev Duncan

Ballantyne officiating.
All are welcome at services held in the church community hall on the corner of Aberystwyth Crescent. Come listen to the band LOVERS of heritage should make the trip to Cadoxton this Sunday, September 25, as the Barry Brass Band return to Victoria Park to play their last concert of the summer, in the recently-restored bandstand, as part of the UK-wide National Bandstand Marathon.

The band will be playing their brand of traditional, modern and sometimes whacky, arrangements.

The concert starts at 2pm and admission is

Enrol on a course! WITH just a few days left until adult education classes begin on Monday, September 26, staff at adult and community learning centres across the Vale are still taking lastminute enquiries, as students rush to take up the last few places on courses for the autumn term.

It's not too late to enrol on a course and there are some places available on a wide vari-

et.y of courses. These include: computers, creative arts, lan guages, health and well-being, music and dance and personal development, history and literature courses.

Learners are advised to call centres to check on availability in the first instance. Contact 01446 738054, bade-cen@valeofglamorgan.g

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Lifestyle course MEND, a 10-week after-school pro-gramme funded by the Welsh Assembly will be held at Barry Leisure Centre from September 26.

Local families with children aged between seven and 13 can learn about nutrition and how to maintain a balanced diet, while children take part in fun games and activities.

The free course also includes a visit to a supermarket to learn w to read food labels. Mayor's coffee THE Mayor of the

Vale's charity coffee morning at St Helen's Church Hall, Wyndham Street. Barry, on September 27 at 10.30am to 12 noon, will be in aid of St Mary's Church, Barry.

Thursday, September 22nd, 2011

Zoar service ZOAR Presbyterian Church, Bonvilston, will hold a harvest thanksgiving service on September 28 at 7pm, when the guest speaker is Rev Charles Chua of Swansea.

Everyone is welcome.

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What we do

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- The statutory Careers Service (Youth Guidance Services), Youth Gateway and Education Gateway
- Condiff and Vale Education Rusiness Partnership (FRP)
- · Adult Guidance Services
- The Learning and Careers Advice helpline in Wales

Careers Wales Here to help you!

Molly makes the right career move



Molfy Willis, centre, administration apprentice at Cooke & Arlawight with Jane Shankland, associate director of the company and Leon Patnett, post education business manager, Consens Wales Conditi and Vale.

Following a work taster placement organised by Careers Wales Cardiff and Vale, eighteen year-old Molly Willis is delighted to be settling in so well at her job with a high profile Cardiff firm.

Maily left Stanwell Comprehensive School, Penarth following her GCSEs to take up a career in hairdressing but soon realised that this was not what she wanted.

Having sought advice from Careers Wales, Molly was set up with an interview for a work taster placement with chartered surveyors, Cooke & Arkwright.

The scheme provides employers with the apportunity to assess a condidate's suitability over two weeks before committing to a permanent contract, while the candidate gets the chance to demonstrate their skills and potential.

Having successfully been accepted by Cooke & Arkwright, Molly has gone from strength to strength and is now following an apprenticeship in administration with the company.

"I'm so pleased to have been given this chance and am loving my job," said Molly.

"I realised hairdressing wasn't for me but needed some direction and this is exactly what I got from Careers Wales – I even received help to update my CV and also with interview skills which was so useful. As well as the experience I'm gaining on the job, I'm being supported by a training assessor from learning provider ACT."

Jane Shankland from Cooke & Arkwright added: "Involvement with the Work Taster Scheme is a new thing for us but it's worked out so well with Molly."

"The idea of a taster gives all concerned the chance to work out if things are right and we're delighted with Molly's progress."

Redundancy leads to new career

When Paul Jones lost his job in 2009 after working for ten years as a bricklayer, little did he realise that redundancy would provide him with the opportunity to forge a new career as a specialist trainer in the security industry.

Following his redundancy, Paul registered with Jobcentre Plus and was told about ReAct, a scheme set up by the Welsh Government to help retrain individuals who are newly redundant. He was also referred to Careers Wales to discuss his plans.

Paul was interested in pursuing a career in the security industry and was aware he needed to be properly trained and qualified to get work. Careers adviser Phil Mason informed him of local courses available and as a result Paul successfully applied to Primus Training and Consultancy.

Paul said: "Phil was very supportive. He talked though my options and gave me the information I needed to enable me to decide what to do next."

Paul completed a course leading to a Security Industry Authority (SIA) Close Protection Licence. Staff at Primus Training were so impressed with his ability and enthusiasm that he was invited to



Paul Jones, now a trainer with Primus Training following a change in career.

apply for a position with the company to train as a trainer.

Paul added: "I went through several vigorous assessments with Primus Training and also worked towards the City and Guilds Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) qualification to enable me to teach.

"I now teach a range of courses and am also involved in business development for Primus Training. I also work parttime for RAS Security to maintain my practical skills."

Looking for advice on learning and careers?

We can help, whatever your age ar situation - whether you're at school or college, unemployed, facing redundancy, thinking about your first job or a career change, or want to improve your prospects in your current job.

- Visit our website www.careerswales.com for information on careers, courses, jobs and training including apprenticeships.
- Call our national Learning and Careers Advice helpline 0800 100 900.
 If calling from a mobile please telephone 029 2090 6801.
 Lines are open between 9am-9pm Monday-Friday and 9am-12 noon on Saturday.
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 Young people in full time education can arrange to see their careers adviser at their school or college.



A group of Year 9 students taking part in the Discoverl Saturday Club find out more about aircraft maintenance at British Airways Maintenance Cardiff with engineer Gareth Davies.

Saturday Club rolled out across Wales

A made-in-Wales initiative to encourage more girls to take up science and engineering has been highly acclaimed by a prestigious awards body and is being rolled out across the country.

The Discoverl Saturday Club was launched four years ago by Careers Wales Cardiff and Vale Education Business Partnership (EBP) in association with WISE (Women into Science, Engineering and Construction) to encourage girls in Year 9 to pursue their interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and provide them with the opportunity to explore career opportunities which they may not have previously considered. The club has twice received recognition at the UK finals of the WISE Partnership Awards held in London.

This year sessions were conducted by Cardiff University, BRASS (The Centre for Business Relationships, Accountability, Sustainability and Society), RWE npower at Aberthaw Power Station and British Airways Maintenance Cardiff, Following their success, Discover! clubs are being developed by Careers Wales across Wales.

Improvements to our services

- We are refurbishing our Careers Centre at 49 Halton Road, Barry to provide more interviewing space and improve the reception area. Youth Gateway in the Vale will also be based there. This work forms the final part of our plan to improve facilities for customers which included the refurbishment of Youth Gateway and our Careers Centre in Charles Street, Cardiff.
- We have developed our systems to manage the performance of our staff, ensuring the best possible service to our customers.
- In a recent survey, 96 % of Year 11 students (15 and 16 year aids) who were questioned felt tha
 their interview with a careers adviser had been useful, quite useful or very useful.

Working in partnership @33



From left: Sharon Jones (Cwm Taf Local Health Board), Lisa Pryer, (Youth Gateway Careers Wales), Joe Payne (Llamau) and Steven Carroll (administration support)

Careers Wales is committed to working with other key organisations to enhance support for 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training and has recently welcomed several new partners to its Youth Gateway Centre in Charles Street Cardiff, now known as @33, to develop this multi agency approach.

Youth Gateway advisers provide ongoing guidance and support to help young people overcome barriers that stop them accessing education, employment or training. A Learning Coach team of careers advisers and youth workers, funded by Cardiff Children and Young People's Partnership and Cardiff and Vale 14-19 Networks, also works from the centre to help those often considered to be hardest to reach.

The new multi-agency approach will also enable young people to have access to other services to help them deal with problems they may face as they move into adulthood and working life. Helping to assist the most vulnerable clients @33 will be a Healthy Mind Worker from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Cwm Tof Local Health Board and counsellors from Action for Children.

Housing Officers from Housing Options (Cardiff Council and Llamau) and a social worker from Cardiff Council Social Care Services will be also be providing advice and support from mediation workers who will be able to assess and advise 16 and 17 year-olds seeking help with their ongoing accommodation queries, care and personal development needs.

Careers Wales advisers are also based with the Youth Offending Service in Cardiff and the Vale to help young people who have offended.



How we did in 2010/2011

Support for students in secondary and further education in Cardiff and the Vale of Giamorgan			% against target
Interviews.		16,129	120%
Moving Ferward Plans.		11,A20	104%
Group sessions.		1,733	94%
Young people taking part in Education Ga programme for 14 -16 year olds and your		693	109%
Young people receiving mentoring sup- port from Education Getzway advisers.	Interviews Group sessions	2,662 849	164% 98%
Wark with young people with a Statement of Special Educational Need.	Interviews Transition Reviews attended Learning and Skills Plans Group sessions	1,025 591 153 19	139% 104% 93% 119%
Number of young people who received support for an education business activity.	Primory schools Secondary schools	17.558 29,134	130% 108%
Number of work experience placements arranged.	16-16 year olds 16-19 year olds	5,484 1,047	NOA NOA
Number of young people taking part in business and enterprise.	12 -16 year olds 16 -19 year olds	6,659 1,670	N/A N/A
Number of young people receiving employer support for mentaring and individual goal setting.		1,076	NO
Number of young people involved in setting up small business projects with employer support.	12 -16 year olds 16 -19 year olds	3,653 1,673	NA
Number of young people participating in employer supported curriculum delivery/development activities.		17,993	N/A

Support for schools and colleges

Concers Waters Condiff and Vale works closely with teachers and lecturers to ansure pupils and students secrete high quality convers education and guidance. During the year 41 training events were organized involving 110 teachers and associated staff. In addition 381 primary and secondary school teachers and college lectures were helped to find procerness with employers 92% against target.

Support for parents and guardians Surveys have found that parents and cores are the biggest influence on the coreer decisions of their children.		
Discussions with parents.	1,257	N/A
Forents evenings attended.	75	N/A

Mailings to parents of students in Years 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12.		N/A.
Support for young people who have left full time education	n	
Interviews by coreers advises at our centres.	2.151	99%
Interviews by coreen advisers with young people with a Statement of Special Educational Need.	459	N/A
Interviews by careers contained.	3,334	91%
Written autoonies of guidance.	2,310	139%
Number of young people placed in Youth Gateway.	524	95%
Number of young people placed into employment.	286	N/A
Number of young people placed into work-based training.	1,542	N/A
Interviews with young people on Youth Gateway.	7,096	129%
Moving Forward Plans for young people on Youth Gateway.	1,090	103K
Group sessions for young people on Youth Gateway.	5,030	96%

Support for adults		
Interviews by coreers selvisors	6346	110K
Of which: Adults intensieved who were unemployed.	1,833	N/A
Adults intensessed under notice of secundancy, including those supported under ReAct.	1,905	N/A
Interviews by coreers contable to.	3,203	107%
Written outcomes of guidance.	4,888	105%
Group semions.	85	106K

Learning and Careers Advice national helpline 0800 100 900 Last year 31,028 calls and 598 emails to the helpline were received from across Wales

Working with employers		
Visits to employers.	1,494	127%
Job veconcies notified.	434	N/A
Employers supporting education business activities.	3,789	149%

Coreers Wales is funded by the Welsh Government. The cost of our services for the year 1st April 2010-31st March 2011 was approximately £2.89 per month per household in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.





We value your opinions. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about our services please contact:

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Mae Gyrfa Cymru Caerdydd a'r Fro yn gyfrifol am ddarparu:

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Gyrfa Cymru Yma i'ch helpu!

| Molly'n gwneud y symudiad gyrfa cywir | Dileu swydd yn arwain at yrfa newydd

Cooke & Arkwrig

Molly Willis, yn y canol, prentis gweinyddu yn Cooke & Arlwright gyda Jane Shonklond, cyfarwyddydd cyswllt. y cwnni a Leon Patnett, rheolydd busnes ôl addysg, Gyrfa Cyrnu Coerdydd a'r Fro.

Yn dilyn lleoliad blasu gwaith a drefnwyd gan Gyrfa Cymru a'r Fro, mae Molly Willis sy'n ddeunaw oed yn falch iawn i fod yn setlo mor dda yn ei swydd gyda chwmni proffil uchel yng Nghaerdydd.

Godawodd Molly Ysgol Gyfun Stanwell, Penarth ar ôl ei TGAU i ddilyn gyrfa mewn trin gwallt and sylweddolodd yn fuan nad dyma'r hyn yr oedd eisiau.

Ar ôl gofyn am gyngor gan Gyrfa Cymru, trefnwyd cyfweliad ar gyfer lleoliad blasu gwaith i Molly gyda syrfewyr siartredig Cooke & Arkwright.

Mae'r cynllun yn rhoi cyfle i gyflogwyr asesu addasrwydd ymgeisydd dros ddwy wythnos cyn ymrwymo i gontract parhaol, tra bod yr ymgeisydd yn cael cyfle i ddangos ei sgiliau a photensial.

Ar ôl llwyddo i gael ei derbyn gan Cooke & Arkwright, aeth Molly o nerth i nerth ac mae'n awr yn dilyn prentisiaeth mewn gweinyddiaeth gyda'r cwmni.

"Rwyf mor falch fy mod wedi cael y cyfle yma ac wrth fy modd yn fy swydd," meddai Molly.

"Fe wnes sylweddoli nad oedd trin gwallt yn iawn i mi ond roeddwn angen arweiniad a dyna'n union yr hyn a gefais gan Gyrfa Cymru - fe wnes hyd yn oed dderbyn help i ddiweddaru fy CV a hefyd gyda sgiliau cyfweliad oedd mor ddefnyddiol. Yn ogystal â'r profiad rwy'n ei gael ar y swydd, rwy'n cael fy nghefnogi gan asesydd hyfforddiant o'r darparydd dysgu ACT.'

Ychwanegodd Jane Shankland o Cooke & Arkwright: "Mae'n beth newydd i ni gymryd rhan yn y Cynllun Blasu Gwaith ond mae wedi gweithio allan mor dda gyda Molly.

"Mae'r syniad o flasu gwaith yn rhoi cyfle i bawb ganfod os yw pethau'n iawn ac rydym wrth ein bodd gyda chynnydd Molly."

Pan gollodd Paul Jones ei swydd yn 2009 ar ôl gweithio am ddeng mlynedd fel briciwr, ychydig yr oedd yn sylweddoli y byddai hynny'n rhoi cyfle iddo sicrhau gyrfa newydd fel hyfforddydd arbenigol yn y diwydiant diogelwch eiddo.

Ar ôl i'w swydd gael ei dileu, cofrestrodd Paul gyda Chanolfan Byd Gwaith a chafodd wybod am ReAct, cynllun gan Lywodraeth Cymru i helpu allhyfforddi unigalion sydd newydd golli eu swyddi. Cafodd hefyd ei gyfeirio at Gyrfa Cymru i drafod ei gyrilluniau. Roedd gan Paul ddiddordeb mewn gyrfa yn y diwydiant diogelwch eiddo a gwyddai fod angen iddo gael ei hyfforddi'n iawn a chael cyrrwysterau i gael gwaith. Hysbysodd y cynghorydd gyrfaoedd Phil Mason ef am gyrsiau lieol oedd ar gael ac fel canlyniad gwnaeth Paul gais llwyddiannus i Primus Training and Consultancy.

Dywedodd Paul: "Roedd Phil yn gefnogol iawn. Fe siaradodd am yr opsiynau oedd ar gael a rhoddodd yr wybodaeth roeddwn ei hangen i fy ngalluogi i benderfynu beth i'w wneud nesaf."

Cwblhaodd Paul gwrs yn arwain at Drwydded Diogelu Eiddo yr Awdurdod Diwydiant Diogelwch Eiddo (SIA). Gwnaeth ei allu a'i frwdfrydedd gymaint o argraff ar



Peul Jones, sydd yn awr yn hyfforddydd gydo Primus Training yn dilyn newtd gyrfa.

staff Primus Training fel iddo gael ei wahodd i wneud cois am swydd gyda'r cwmni i ddysgu bod yn hyfforddydd.

Ychwanegodd Paul: "Cefais nifer o asesiadau trwyadi gyda Primus Training ac fewnes hefyd weithio tuag at gymhwyster Paratoi i Addysgu yn y Sector Dysgu Gydol Oes (PTLLS) City and Guilds i fy ngalluogi i addysgu.

"Rwy'n awr yn addysgu nifer o gyrsiau a hefyd yn ymwneud â datblygu busnes i Primus Training. Rwyf hefyd yn gweithio'n rhan-amser i RAS Security i gynnal fy sgiliau ymarferol".

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Ymestyn Clwb Sadwrn ar draws Cymru

Cafodd menter gwnaed-yng-Nghymru i annog mwy o ferched i gymryd rhan mewn gwyddoniaeth a pheirianneg ganmoliaeth uchel gan gorff gwobrwyo adnabyddus a chaiff ei ymestyn ar draws y wlad.

Lansiwyd Clwb Sadwrn Darganfod! gan Bartneriaeth Addysg Busnes (PAB) Gyrfa Cymru Coerdydd a'r Fro bedair blynedd yn ôl mewn cysylltiad â WISE (Menywod i Wyddoniaeth, Peirianneg ac Adelladu) i annog merched ym Mlwyddyn 9 i ddilyn eu diddordeb mewn gwyddoniaeth, technoleg, peirianneg a mathemateg a rhai cyfle iddynt ymchwllia cyfleoedd gyrfa nad oeddent efallai wedi'u hystyried o'r blaen. Mae'r clwb wedi cael cydnabyddiaeth ddwywaith yn rowndiau terfynol y Deyrnas Unedig ar gyfer Gwobrau Partneriaeth WISE a gynhelir yn Llundain.

Cynhaliwyd sesiynau eleni gan Brifysgol Caerdydd, BRASS (Canolfan Perthynas Busnes, Atebolrwydd, Cynaliadwyedd a Chymdeithas), RWE npower yng Ngorsaf Bŵer Aberddawan a British Airways Maintenance Cardiff. Yn dilyn eu llwyddiant, mae Gyrfa Cymru yn datblygu clybiau Darganfodl Iedled Cymru.

Gwelliannau i'n gwasanaeth

- Rydym yn adnewyddu ein Canalfan Gyrfacedd yn 49 Heol Holtan, Y Barri i roi mwy a ofod ar gyfer cyfweliadau a gwelfa'r dderbynfa. Bydd Parth Ieuenctid yn y Fra hefyd yn seilledig yno. Y gwaith yma yw rhan olaf ein cynllun i wella cyfleusterau i gwsmeriaid oedd yn cynnwys adnewyddu Parth Ieuenctid a'n Canalfan Gyrfacedd yn Heol Siarl. Caerdydd.
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Gweithio mewn partneriaeth @33



O'r chwith: Sharon Jones (Bwrdd Lechyd Lleol Cwm Taf), Lisa Fryer (Parth Jeuenctid Gyrfa Cymru, Joe Payne (Llamau) a Steven Carroll (cymarth gweinyddiaeth).

Mae gan Gyrfa Cymru ymrwymiad i weithio gyda sefydliadau allweddol eraill i wella cefnogaeth ar gyfer pobl ifanc 16-18 oed nad ydynt mewn addysg, cyflogaeth na hyfforddiant ac mae wedi croesawu nifer o bartneriaid newydd yn ddiweddar i'w Ganolfan Porth Jeuenctid ym Heol Siarl, Caerdydd, a elwir yn awr yn @33, i ddatblygu'r dull gweithredu aml-asiantaeth yma.

Mae cynghonwyr Porth Ieuenctid yn rhai arweiniad a chefnogaeth barhaus i helpu pobl ifanc i oresgyn rhwystrau sy'n eu hatal rhag cael mynediad i addysg, cyflogaeth neu hyfforddiant. Mae tîm Hyfforddwyr Dysgu o gynghorwyr gyrfaoedd a gweithwyr ieuenctid, a ariannir gan Bartneriaeth Plant a Phobl Ifanc Coerdydd a Rhwydweithiau 14-19 Caerdydd a'r Fro, hefyd yn gweithia o'r ganalfan i helpu'r rhai yr ystyrir eu bod yr anoddaf eu cyrraedd.

Bydd y dull gweithredu aml-asiantaeth newydd hefyd yn galluogi pobl ifanc i gael mynediad i wasonaethau eraill i'w helpu i ddelio gyda phroblemau a all fod yn eu hwynebu wrth iddynt symud i fywyd fel oedolion a bywyd gweith. Yn helpu i asesu'r deientiaid mwyaf bregus yn ®33 bydd Gweithiwr Meddwl Jach o Wasanaethau Jechyd Meddwl Plant a'r Glasoed, Bwrdd Jechyd Ueol Cwm Taf a chynghanwyr o Action for Children.

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Out and About with The GEM

Espionage thriller is a low-key delight that drips with tension

never be too careful in the world of espionage... double agents, threats on your life and henchmen with metallic teeth make it a dangerous line of work – and one that writer John Le Carre has successfully mined.

It is his most notable work that makes its way onto the big screen in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, which was already a huge success on BBC television in the late 1970s with Alec Guinness.

This time, Gary Oldman takes on the role of George Smiley, brought out of retirement to track down a mole in MI6, who threatens to destabilise the nation.

With the suspects lined up (including Colin Firth, Toby Jones and Ciaran Hinds), Smiley must undergo a game of cat and mouse where no-one is who they seem, and twists and turns are around every corner.

every corner... If *Tinker Tailor* Soldier Spy had the uphill task of attempting to live up to John Le Carre's original book, then it was a task made all the more difficult given that it would inevitably be compared to the 1979 TV miniseries starring Sir Alec Guinness as Smiley.

Despite this pressure, the 2011 version is something that more than holds up to both of these, and taken on its own terms is a low-key thriller that places tension and drama to the forefront, creating a film that barely lets up over its 127-minute running time.

It is marshalled with

It is marshalled with no little class by Tomas Alfredson, the Swedish director responsible for the wonderful vampire film Let The Right One In.

Here, Alfredson is dealing with those who are just as vampiric but without the bloodlust, the denizens of MI6 a cold, unforgiving bunch whose stillness in the eyes masks a sea of betrayals and double dealings, each character just another jellybean in

the jar of espionage.

Much like his breakthrough effort,

Alfredson shows he is a
director who is happy to
let the story take centre

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

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stage, his direction never overtly fancy but assured and clinical, from the mute colour patterns to the detatchment of the performances he wrings out of the skilled cast

skilled cast.
Given that this is a film more about bureaucracy then action sequences, Alfredson's calm eye provides the focus that allows Peter Straughan and Bridget O'Comor's screenplay to shine through.

Certainly, the pair have the most difficult job, having to condense Le Carre's prose into a cohesive two-hour film (even the miniseries had seven hours to do it in), but that they manage to do so with such efficiency is a testament to

their skill.

Instead, very little is lost from the overall story, even if some characters do suffer from a degree of sidelining (in particular, those played by Kathy Burke and Ciaran Hinds) but the story is dense and rich enough to absorb this.

It also gives a cast that is more or less the cream of the British crop the opportunity to work on such superb material, and each actor thrives, delivering strong turns.

Top of these is Gary Oldman, whose support turns in the likes of the *Batman* and *Harry Potter* franchises has perhaps masked his ability to hold the attention as a leading men-

tion as a leading man.
It is an ability that is all too much in evidence here, Oldman holding the screen rapt, his performance a tightly-coiled one that betrays little emotion, but is totally engaging.

He has rightly snared the majority of the plaudits, but there is no weak turn anywhere, with the likes of Colin Firth, Ciaran Hinds, David Dencik and Toby Jones doing their best 'is-he-or-isn't-he' as the suspected moles; while both Tom Hardy and Benedict Cumberbatch do their rising stars no damage at all with two woorderful turns.

his tiredness while skulking around in the shadows doing the dirty work while the latter is a man caught up in a maze of skulduggery that impacts upon his private life.

Throw in another superb turn by the understated, and underrated, Mark Strong, along with the likes of John Hurt and Stephen Graham, and you have one of the finest ensemble casts of the year, and one that delivers in spades.

If there is any complaint to be made, then it is that the film's languid pace sometimes feels a little too languid while the story is one that must be followed intently, else the big reveal comes off more as a damp squib.

However, those who want to see the best British talent excel in a rich and satisfying story should most certainly savour *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*.

VERDICT: A tense and dramatic affair, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* is a classy affair with some of the finest British actors working today in top form. Tomas Alfredson's direction is suitably muted and moody.

It all comes together to make for a truly outstanding cinematic effort.

Essential viewing. SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: Thirteen Days (2000), The Third Man (1949), The Quiet American (2002).

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Welsh artists' work on show in Vale art gallery THE work of Welsh into the competition b

THE work of Welsh artists is being shown at an exhibition in Art Central gallery in Barry.

The touring exhibition, 'Express Yourself', has been created from submissions to the first ever Welsh libraries arts competition. Over 1,600 entries

Over 1,600 entries were received covering a range of disciplines including creative writing, visual arts and short films. The theme for the competition was 'libraries'.

Chris Edwards, Vale principal librarian, said: "Local student Donna Thomas, from St Richard Gwyn High School, was chosen as the overall winner for the best piece of art work submitted from the Vale of Glamorgan. "Her painting, enti-

"Her painting, entitled 'The Magic World of Books' was one of 60 art works entered into the competition by individuals and local groups.

"Donna's painting has returned to the Vale and is part of the exhibition, after over nine months of travelling around Wales."

'Express Yourself' runs at Art Central until October I and admission is free. Art Central is open Tuesdays to Saturday from 10am-4pm.

RUMMAGE SALE

THERE will be a charity rummage sale at the church hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, September 24 (10am-11.30am).

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year, with new insula-

tion, the club should be

ing three men's teams, playing on Wednesdays and Thursdays from

approx 7pm.
"Team matches have

already started with the men's A Team on the trail

of yet another promotion

in the South Wales

League.
"The junior section

have also started playing

and this proved very suc-cessful last year under

the guidance Nial Sloan

and Julie Clode, both

fully-qualified level 2

"Juniors between the

ages of seven to 15 are

welcome to come along and try their hand at squash. Rackets are sup-

plied by the club for new

starters. Coaching is on

between 10am and mid-

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Trophy

goes to

bowler Jo

THE ladies' section of Rhoose Bowling

their competitions

recently with their Millennium Plate

After three hours of

After three hours of bowling, the semi-final stage saw captain Anita Shears face Mary Thomas, and Jo Hopkins face Sue Dance. In her match, Anita

built up a lead of three shots by the eighth end.
Then Mary won the next four ends to level the match at seven each.

Mary took the lead 9–8 on the 14th end but it was Anita who scored

two shots on the final end

two snots on the final end to win by a single shot. In the other semi, Jo Hopkins led by 10–4 by the ninth end. Sue fought back and by the 14th was

just one shot behind. The

9–6. Anita scored one on the next end but Jo then

Competition.

concluded

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Welsh SRA coaches

warmer than ever. "The club will be host

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Club.

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Skipper's hat-trick gives Llantwit Major reserves yet another three points!

Reserves made it a hat-trick of wins on the bounce with an excellent victory over Cogan Coronation Windmill Lane.

The visitors took the lead with the first move of the match when the Cogan number 10 sent a free kick fizzing into the top corner to leave Llantwit 'keeper Llantwit 'keeper Jackson no chance. There had been a slight deflection off player-manager Dave Callard's

The next 30 minutes were dull, and Llantwit scored with their first real controlled attack. Dave Bevan and Lee Tracey linked well to release Tom Bevan

down the left flank.

Bevan powered into the box and with the 'keeper and defender closing in the striker toe poked the ball into the net for his third of the

LLANTWIT MAJOR RESERVES 4 COGAN CORONATION RESERVES 2

campaign. Llantwit now started to gain a foothold, and could have added two further goals in quick succession.

That said, parity at the interval was probably a fair reflection of a turgid

Manager Grafton had a few choice words with his lethargic cohorts at the break, emphasising the importance of play-ing the ball on the floor while also raising the tempo of passing and movement.

There was an immediate improvement, and it was only a matter of time before the home team scored again. through captain for the day Stephen Phillips, who finished well after excellent work by sub-

stitute Gethin Jennings. Phillips bagged his brace shortly after when a sinuous team move found the industrious

Austin out wide. His splendid cutback was met perfectly by the big number 9 to smash

The home team now took their foot off the gas and started to lose a bit of shape which allowed Cogan to have their best spell of the

However the back four of Tracey, Grahame, Callard and Howles held the visitors at arms length, while keeper Jackson comfortably dealt with the long range efforts which were all the visitors could muster.

With 20 minutes remaining, a momentary lapse in concentration gave Cogan a lifeline. The Llantwit defensive wall took an eternity to line up and while they were doing so the striker curled the ball past Jackson.

More changes in per-

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sonnel were made to liven things up. liven Substitutes Andy Gordon and Craig Bright gave Llantwit the spark of enthusiasm they need-

The home team's fourth goal came with quarter of an hour remaining. Tom Bevan leapt at the far post to nod the ball into the path of Phillips and the outcome was a formality as the Llantwit striker rounded off the scoring as he secured a remarkable hat-trick.

Man of the match was deservedly awarded to Phillips for another lung-bursting display of running, accompanied by three fine goals.

Llantwit: M Jackson, T Howles, D Callard, J Grahame, L Tracey, T Bevan, J Preece, D Bevan, S Phillips (captain), J Austin, D White. Subs: J Hartley, A Gordon, I Phillips, G Jennings, C Bright.

WELSH BOWLS TEAM



The Welsh Atlantic Championship team are pictured with their manager, Hazel Wilson.

AS part of the final camp preparations for the Rhoose Championships in and Sunday.

Cyprus and the As well as practice are competing at top European Games in Second Sully IRC place.

A t l a n t i c Club on Saturday

based

Portugal, the Welsh
Women's Bowling
Association staged a successful training Wales team.

Team manager Hazel Bowling Wilson, said: "The weekend was an excellent team building exercise of months and we thank Rhoose Bowling Club

Cowbridge Second XV have no bench to call on

COWBRIDGE Second XV showed plenty of potential and entertained Seaview Barry promise. with a bare fifteen but took the game to the opposition.

Good work by the pack delivered the ball to the backs and centre Aaron Glassar crossed for a try that outsidehalf Mike Lloyd converted.

Further pressure brought a penalty that Lloyd converted and a credible halftime score of 10-12.

In the second half, a couple of injuries and a strong showing by Seaview saw them run out winners by

HSOB and despite losing 26-0, asked!

It was 19-0 at half time so a good second half reduced HSOB to only one further try; a good first start from a voung team.

THIS Saturday, the First XV complete their September fixtures with a home game against Banwen, kick off 2.30pm, while the Seconds have a Saturday off.

All support for the Banwen match would be much appreciated.

Team manager Dai Breed requests the return of the scissors from the med-10-35. ical bag. Please contact him to return **THE youth team travelled to Cardiff** them on 07896 997016 – no questions

Cowbridge under-9s impress in tournament

two under-9 teams in the Llantwit Major tournament.

Cowbridge Red team opened their campaign against Llantwit Major, who scored a quick first

try. eventual Llanishen. showed a big improve-ment after the previous week, and Jake Williams levelled the scores just

before the break.

Good pressure in defence and some ferodetence and some tero-cious tackling early in the second half resulted in a turnover. After a good period of attacking play, Cowbridge were awarded a penalty try after David Harris was double teamed after crossing the line.

Some excellent tack-

ling and turnovers fol-lowed but there was no further score from either

Cowbridge Reds played Barry Gees and were caught napping again at the kick off, conceding an early try.

Cowbridge came back and went 2–1 up with tries by Oliver Jarmaine and Jake Williams.

Just one shot behind. The final end saw Jo secure a maximum two shots to win by 14–11.

In the final, the match swung back and forth. By the 12th end, Jo led by Barry levelled just before the break. Jake crossed the line again in the second half, and Jack Riley made it 4–2 after good defence forced a turnover.

secured the two she needed for victory, win-ning by 10–7. Phil Watts presented the shield to Jo because it was his late wife Ruth Barry scored but the final score was 4–3 to Cowbridge, putting them through to the semi-finals. who had presented the shield to the Club.

AN unsettled day Cowbridge's orange Llanishen from scoring saw Cowbridge field team met Barry in their two further tries. first pool game, drawing 3–3, with tries by Tom

Johnson (two) and James

Gilvear.

In their next two

they were outplayed in and Jake Williams. the first half and, facing a C o w b r i d g e

Cowbridge Reds played Penarth, and fared no better than the orange team. There were differ-In their next two ing interpretations of the games, however, the restart, and Penarth team played a strong eventually ran out winners, Locke scored the

Locke Cowbridge try.

Cowbridge: Cowbridge Against Penarth,
Cowbridge seemed a little too eager to offload Harris, Harri Howkins,
the ball allowing the
Penarth team to run in
five tries.

Against Llanishen,
Whittaker, Dewi Williams

the first half and, facing a 3 – 0 score line, a gutsy of the second half saw James Gilvear, Matthew them open the scoring with an excellent try from Jay Downes.

The team competed better in the second half, hut were unable to stop TC ow b r i d g e Orange: Nam-Thomason Ton Jonnes, Town Pownes, Robbie Williams.

C o w b r i d g e Orange: Warn-Thomason Townes: Hawkins, Ellis Howell, Town Johnson, McKinley Parsons, Tom Pugh and but were unable to stop GW

West End make a good start to season

played their inst games in the Cardiff Cophia 39, Li Incredibles 16 Gardens.

beaten in the last few minutes, with a final score of 23-24.

Westend 1 took on Westend Netball Llanrunney Incredibles
Club's two teams played their first final score of Westend 1 Llanrumney

Monday, On Both teams got off to a Both teams got off to a had their second game flying start, taking the and, while the score was lead early on. Westend 2 tight through each quarplayed Finance Wales ter, they manage to interand played really well, cept the last few centre but were unfortunately passes and took the game.

Final score: Westend 2 24,

every week - happily that is not the case in the Vale; in fact, many establishments are reporting record business levels.

To celebrate some of the excellent family-owned, or run Vale pubs, The GEM is looking for regular customers to vote for their favourite in our new 'Prize Pub' competition feature.

It has been well publicised that several pubs are closing in Wales

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What to do next...

Enter by email or post – closing date is Friday, 30th September, 2011. You must supply your name, address and land-line telephone number. Tell us, in no more than 100 words, why you believe your local is the best. State the name of the landlord/landlady, pub name and location, and how often you visit.

Send your entries, marked 'Prize Pub' to: The GEM, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL or email: gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk

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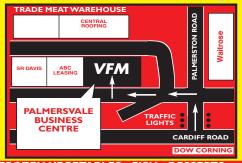
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Division One champions against the Premier League champions and Saints ran riot as they dominated the match from start to finish.

Saints turned on the style as goals from Jordan Mortimore, Jordan James Austin, a brace each from Dean Cleave and Scott Stretton and a hat-trick from Morgan saw Saints decimate the champions.

Saints opened the scoring in the first few minutes as Mortimore laid the ball to Morgan to fire home.

They doubled their lead in style as Alan Lawson's throw to Mortimore's feet saw the Saints' talisman turn and fire an unstoppable 25 yarder into the net.

The home side made it three when Gareth Richards' big boot up field was touched on by Morgan into the path of Austin and his pinpoint cross found Cleave unmarked for the midfielder to power the ball Bridgend & District Sunday League Premier Division SUNDAY SAINTS FC 9 TONYREFAIL WANDERERS 1

home with his head. Saints re-emerged for the second period still hungry for goals and Morgan knocked in his second when he steered Austin's cross off the post and tapped in his own rebound.

Mortimore dropped deeper and was pulling the strings with Tony Charles, and they combined to play in Austin, who raced through to fire past the keeper and Saints had five.

Saints were unstop-pable now and TJ Bowring powered through a challenge and fed Cleave, who broke the offside trap and calmly finished low across the keeper for his second, and Saints'

Saints made it seven after a great team goal. Charles exchanged passes with Cleave finding before Mortimore, who in turn slipped the ball through

to Austin, who squared it for Morgan to side foot home and complete his hat-trick.

Tonyrefail had a rare foray forward and after clearing their lines ini-tially, Saints switched off and the Ton midfielder raced through to fire in, despite Richards best efforts.

Saints combined well in the centre of the park and Charles pinged a great diagonal ball for Austin to take in his stride, and he crossed for Morgan, who saw his shot blocked, but sub Stretton tapped in for a goal on his debut.

Saints allowed Richards out as he traded places with full back and unofficial number two Reece Lewis.

Richards exchanged a one two with Mortimore and raced away down the flank, into the area and forced the keeper into a good stop from close range.

Saints completed the scoring as Mortimore's was knocked cross down by Richards and Stretton cut onto his left to fire the ball into the net for his brace.

Saints really turned on the style here and dominated from whistle to whistle. They played fantastic football as they put last seasons champions to the sword to send a clear message to the rest of the league.

Honourable mentions to Jordan Mortimore and James Austin but man of the match was Phil Morgan. League leaders Saints

are home again this week as they face combative Coedely, 11am

Many thanks to Lafarge Cement (Aberthaw Works), The Kinsale Stone Company (Wales) Ltd for sponsorship of the team and to Roy and Cyndy at the Four Bells, St Athan for their continued support of the team in this new

Cameron O'Sullivan, James Griffiths, Tom Cunnington and Dillon rugby XV got the league campaign off

to field a strong team and captain Gus Rees McPherson led by example as the forwards dominated a strong Brynteg pack in the exchanges. pack

Chris Half-backs Brace and Rhys Griffin opened the scoring after some fast hands from the Cowbridge backline.

Full-back Charlie Morris was outstanding throughout the game and made several match-winning tackles as Brynteg looked to press. Second ro

Second row Tom Cunnington scored a well-deserved try after an impressive catch and drive from the lineout.

Christian Roberts-Walters kicked some key

Walters kicked some key penalties and conver-sions as Cowbridge built a comfortable lead. Brynteg fought back well and scored some vital points, but with the arrival of Ollie Hitchings for the second half, the win for Cowbridge always looked safe.

LLANTWIT MAJOR JUNIOR

with another win

Congratulations go to Lloyd Stock, Will Johnson, Alex Kurabasa, Adam Roscrow, Freddie

over local rivals Brynteg THE school senior Harries, Chris Brace, players trading skillful rugby XV got the Cameron O'Sullivan, and punishing shots early Tom on.

Brynteg. Success for The school were able Kamal brothers at Welsh Championships

A WEEK of wonderful weather greeted the Welsh played in the 14-and-Championships as the tournament the controlled the game well, and wing Freddie Harries new venue – Cardiff new venue - Cardiff Castle Tennis Club.

There was success for Cowbridge pupil Tomos Kamal, as he claimed both the 16-and-under singles and 16-and-under doubles titles.

It was by no means an asy week for Tomos having to be-at numerous players ranked within the top five in Wales.

top five in Wales.

The biggest test undoubtedly came in the final of the singles, where Tom had to play his younger brother Matthew – the first time in the championship's history that two brothers had met in the final had met in the final.

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS REPORT

Fine win for the first XV

It was Matthew who Cunnington and Dillon It was Matthew who to a flying start with Morgan, who were all a well-deserved 20- making debuts for the two in the early 10 victory away to senior school.

However, it was Tom's experience and fitness that provided the important difference between the two, as he went on to win the first set 6-3.

under final just two hours earlier, Matthew was finding it difficult to deal with the strength and fit-

The match finished 6-3, 6-1 and speaking after the match, Tom said: "It was great to get the win, but obviously it's always

"I'm just pleased to come through it".

Tom then went on to goals, and sweeper win the 16-and-under doubles title with partner up from defence to score, Simon Pritchard, taking making it 7-0 to Tom's Welsh champi- Cowbridge.

onship title tally to four.

The championships
were played in a wonderful spirit and it was great

team make a winning start COWBRIDGE senior hockey team played their first game of the

season against Bro Morgannwg.
At half time, it was 1-0 with a goal scored by Welsh superstar Katie Howson, and although

there were plenty of opportunities, no more came in the first half. In the second half the goals started rolling, first from a short corner with the strength and Tit- from a Short Collections levels of older which Katie Howson brother Tom. took and Rachel Bradshaw received She passed to Laura Smith, who scored her first goal for the senior squad

Katie Howson went on going to be tough when to score two more goals, you're playing your making a hat-trick for brother. another Welsh hockey player, scored two great goals, and sweeper Bethan Moorcroft came

The aim this season is to win the county tournament, so a good start, with Llanishen and to see players of all ages Glantaf Schools provid-The match was well- and abilities participating tough competition in contested, with both ing.

Trainer Evan says Dai's comments 'are extreme'

FOS LAS Racecourse founder Dai Walters has threatened to close Britain's newest track in 80 years it opened in June 2009 – unless the venue is granted the number of fixtures that he considers economically viable.

He has also said that he would sell all the

tions, Cowbridge under-11s played their first home

game of the season,

Players and parents like showed great

alike showed great resilience against the elements. This was the first time the boys had

played on the bigger pitch, which favoured

Cowbridge's open style

of rugby.

The first half saw

Cowbridge score six unanswered tries, with

Ben Jones completing a hat-trick, and Luke, Cameron and Barny

joining him on the score

hosting Tondu.

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

horses he has in training if he doesn't get his own way.

The trouble is, the British Horseracing Authority has made a decision to cap the 2012 fixture list to 1 400 meetings, which is a reduction of around 80 fixtures, as it is thought there are already too

ing small fields. Llancarfan trainer

The second half was a

more even affair, with some brief sunshine

which helped with han-

Barny completed his hat-trick of tries, Ben added another, and new

boys Ruben and Benji

marked their débuts with

Cowbridge defence twice with some strong

forward play. Overall, it

was another good per-formance by the boys,

and maintains their

Cowbridge 55 - Tondu

score

unbeaten record.

Final

Tondu breached the

The under-11s'

unbeaten record is

still in one piece

IN atrocious condi- waves of Cowbridge

attacks.

dling skills.

individual tries.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP Under-12 A team Evan Williams, who has gone down in turf history as the first trainer to sets the pace

for Ffos Las, but he said "Everyone has to be realistic and cuts have to be made somewhere.
"I think Dai has to They won two matches during last week: On look at the bigger picture, and there are plen-

ty of other tracks. Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan said: "In fairness to Dai, if you've spent the amount of money he has on the racetrack vou are likely to be annoyed, and he'd

have certainly hoped for

a bigger share of fix-

saddle a winner at Ffos Las, told The Racing

Post that Walters' com-

not doing racing any

ments are "extreme and

Evan is full of praise

tures "Ffos Las has had an absolutely massive impact on racing in Wales. It really has opened the floodgates to racing in Wales, attracting new owners and

racegoers.'
He added: "It offers good prize money, and I think it deserves fixtures. It's a very good course all round." Regular Ffos Las

racegoer Emlyn Williams, told me: "I think there are already oo many meetings at Ffos Las.

"The fields are small and the racing is uncompetitive.

THE under-12 A team are the early pace setters in their division and have won all five fixtures this season.

Monday, they beat Barry Celts A 8-0 at Barry Sports Centre, with Lewis Brown (two), Angus Mitchell (two), Luke Beattie, Cole Baker, Morgan Gore and Moses Gee, the goalscorers. On Saturday, they

beat Cogan Coronation 7-1 at Windmill Lane, with Morgan Gore notching a hat-trick. Sam Snaith (two) and Luke Beattie (two) completed their tally and put Llantwit clear on top of the league. **AFTER their excel-**

lent start to the season, the under-13 A lost twice in the last seven days.
On Monday, they lost

3-2 against Cadoxton Imps B – then at the weekend, they again lost 5-3 against Cogan Coronation at Windmill Lane, Llantwit's goalscorers were Josh Moran, Rhys Bevan and Shaun Davies

IT was mixed fortunes for the under-13 B, who put up an excellent performance midweek in a 2-2 draw against Cowbridge Town A. with well-taken goals from Otto Guwy and Dan Vickers.

On Saturday, they found Sully Sports A far too strong, and lost 6-0 to their hosts.

THE under-14 side had another easy home win against Cowbridge Town at Windmill Lane.

In a high-scoring match, Gabriel Oram. Richard Stephens and Kyle Henderson were the Llantwit goalscor-

TOM RAWLINGS gave a man-of-thematch performance for the under-15 side at Cogan Coronation, but he could do little to stop Cogan registering a 7-0 victory. BOTH Edward Howley and Tom Russell notched hattricks and Chris Blatchford scored the other in the under-16 team's 7-0 home win against Cowbridge

Barry boys teach Llantwit a lesson in wet weather play

LLANTWIT Major's new look under-14s team travelled to Barry for their first pre-season fixture, one which was always fixture, one which was always going to be a hard start for the

Despite putting up a brave display in the wet, they came off second best to a company. well-drilled and skillful Barry team, The ce who enjoyed picking up several soft scores off Llantwit's basic errors. Despite the result, the coaching

eam were delighted with the heart and commitment shown by the team and will look to build on the many posi-

will look to build on the many posi-tives in the display.

The lineout functioned superbly,
with Max Croucher and Toby Walker
securing almost all their own ball and disrupting several of the home team's

some timing problems led to several support on the road. scrums being turned over by the pow-

organised defence.

The backs were well marshalled by Iestyn Jones at 10, who spent most of the game with the Barry back row for

The centre pairing of captain Joe Bunt and Steffen Godwin tackled themselves to a standstill. The lack of clean ball gave the back three of Alex Hill, Rhodri Miskin and Todd Oldfield little opportunity to show their pace, but again they tackled manfully all

Player of the match for Llantwit was prop forward Dan Richards, who formed the cornerstone of a brave

srupting several of the home team's effort in a beaten pack.
The coaching team would like to
The scrum took time to settle and thank the parents for their wonderful

Under-12s play bright rugby in bad conditions

THE first home game of the season saw Cowbridge undertion of the remaining squad members.

12s host Tondu, with both sides

A long run by the Tondu right wing playing their part in an entertaining game, despite the wet conditions.

Cowbridge scored straight from the kick-off after quick ruck ball resulted in some slick passing out to wing Harrison Ashby, who ran from his own 22 metre area, to score the opening try beneath the posts. Morgan Gore con-

Scrum half Ioan Lewis took a quick ap-penalty and swift handling set Harrison Ashby free again to round his opponent and score his second.

The next try came as a result of a determined drive from William Davies and great support work from Jac Roberts and Sam Corkill. The ball was released to the back-line with full back Evan Williams wriggling and twisting dynamic Dynam Come Scoring and this way through to score. Morgan Gore earned try. Morgan Gore added the added the conversion for a 19 – 0 half-conversion for a final score of 26 – 5.

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The second half saw the introducnearly resulted in a try, only to be thwarted by a superb tackle by outside half Rhys Bradshaw.

Cowbridge came back, but the backs were missing the substituted Max Cunnington, whose direct running had broken through several times in the first half.

There was too much lateral running and two try-scoring opportunities were squandered when there were three-toone overlaps!

The backs did better when quick passing set the elusive Evan Williams away, and his mesmerising run took

play into the Tondu danger zone.

The visitors tried to run the ball but great tackle from Rhys Bradshaw, and swift turnover ball, resulted in the dynamic Dylan Cottle scoring a well-

Despite the deficit 10. Tondu continued to tackle strongly to hold off

RIDGEND'S GOI RLS ENJOY SUCCI IN CADETS' GALA

BRIDGEND Air-Cadets scored a runaway success at the Air Training Corps intersquadron Swimming championships at Llanelli, winning 24 medals at the gala event.

A very strong girls-team swam, with Cadet Sophie Durston (15) of Pontycymmer winning gold in both junior girls freestyle and relay, and a silver in the individual medley relay. Cadet Fiona Counsell

(15) of Cefn Glas, triumphed with gold medals in junior girls breaststroke and the relay, and with a silver in the butterfly event.

Continuing the girls uccess, Cadet Jenna Hill (16) of Brackla scored her gold in the senior girls breaststroke and was the third gold leg in the girls relay, also winning bronze for her place in the senior girls freestyle.

magnificent joint effort won the jun-ior-girls team award and Bridgend Squadron in second place in the overall girls team competition.

Not to be outdone, the boys were represented by Cadet Liam McCabe (14) of Litchard, winning the only male gold in the freestyle and with a host of silver and bronze medals for the remainder of the boys' junior and senior teams.

Cadet Matthew Williams, just turned 16 and so a senior, was 'top-gun' with three silver medals for butterfly, freestyle and in the relay, with Warrant-Officer Cadet Michael Ratcliffe (19) of Brackla, also scoring an individual silver in the senior backstroke.

Third leg relay silver went to Cadet Corporal Michael John of Cefn Glas, who also gained two bronze-medals in the individual medley and senior boys breaststroke. Fourth-leg relay silver went to Cadet Adam Auden (16) of Cefn Glas which was echoed by brother Cameron (14) claiming his silver-medals in both the junior boys breast-stroke and the juniorrelay, where he was backed by Cadets Christopher Jones (15) of Broadlands, William Edwards (15) of Brackla and Nicholas Richards

(15) of Bridgend, all receiving silver medals. Nathan Isaac (15) of Covchurch swam well in the junior boys butterfly, gaining a competitive fifth place in the 25-

team competition. The magnificent team effort resulted in the boys team being placed second overall behind the large and powerful Swansea team, who scored 34 points to Bridgend's 23 and who were closely followed by Kenfig-Hill Squadron's team who

borough the overall 'moral victory'

Result sheet: Overall boys, second; senior second; junior boys, boys, fourth.

Overall girls, second; senior girls, second; junior girls, first.

Team overall: Second.

At its headquarters at Joslin Terrace, Coity, the Squadron accepts membership for boys and girls joining aged from 13 years (mini-mum) up to their 16th birthday, for a broadbased training and won the junior boys leisure programme of team title with their 16 events, including flying points, which gave the and gliding opportuni-

ties, kayaking, photography, shooting, participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award advanced firstaid, Community-service and sports (including sports (including swimming).

Parents can bring

their 'recruit' along on any Tuesday or Friday evening at 7:30pm and additional volunteer civilian-staff, parents or ex-service personnel are needed as instructors or fundraisers for the welfare committee.

Call 01656 667640 afternoons or at the Squadron Headquarters on 01656 649092

Competition win means a new kit for Athletic under-11s



GOOD AWAY VICTORY

FOR ATH UNDER-11s

to the starting line-up for the final period and Jack

Obbard soon found space on the wing to

score. Sam Veasey con-

Straight from the re-

stard the Ath regained possession and Sam Veasey went over to score. He converted to

extend the Ath lead to

Ath Mumbles pinned in their own half and managed to score a third try through Daffydd Beech.

24–45. The

THE team behind Bridgend Athletic under-11s were delighted when Darren Veasey (Sam's dad) entered the Real Radio kit klub competition and won a full set of kit.

A club spokesman said: "Thank you to Darren, also to Real Radio and

BRIDGEND

Athletic under-11s

played away at

The Ath kicked off and put pressure on the

Mumbles line and it paid

off with Teo Fillis gain-

ing possession and going over. The conversion was missed.

After regaining pos-session, slick hands from

the Ath backs released Sion Vigus to score a

periods.

15-minute

Trade Centre Wales, from all of the squad.

He added: "We also received sponsorship for a new set of tracksuits from Project Developments, Manning Construction Ltd and Unite. Once again, Bridgend Athletic under-11s

Ath 52.

Jamie

and scored a consolation

try, which was converted

to make the final score

Mumbles 31, Bridgend

Ath squad: Jack Obbard, Gwilym John,

Teo Fillis, Thomas Anthony, Thomas Reed,

Jamie Marsham, Brandyn Fooks, Sam Veasey, William

Veasey, William Goodall, Daffydd Beech, Ffion Revill, Kasari

Mehta, Taine Waite, Sion

Vigus, Louis King, Josh

Tidy, Oran Harry, Jack

Marshall,

LR

Porth prove too strong for depleted Llantwit Major

LLANTWIT took the field against Porth sporting their smart new kit.

was not matched by their play early on as they slipped to an 11-3 deficit in the first quarter. Eventually, the reshuffled side began to knit together and from a powerful close range scrum drive, No8 Rob Carter quickly fed scrum half Rvan Evans down the blindside and he darted over for a cor-

Fly half Chris Fowler, who had earlier kicked a penalty, converted from the touchline and before half time he landed another penalty to give

With the wind and slope advantage in the second half, Porth exerted early pressure, and when scrum half Evans was yellow carded they took full advantage, gaining a 25-13 lead cour-

On the quarter of an hour mark, restored to a full XV again, Llantwit cored a great forwards try by Carl

Porth settled their nerves midway Rhigos to Waterton Cross

break a solid Porth defence and the

Man-of-the-match for Llantwit. was prop Richard Ingram, with skipper Dan Daw leading by example in the second row and flanker Spencer Sutton, No8 Rob Carter and prop

centre pairing of Ryan Watson and the injured Matt Roberts, was futher dis-rupted when centre Nathan Hoosan

Replacement Tinas Coetzer came on to join Jonathan Gore in a hard working midfield partnership, but the

Before the game a minute's silence was observed in memory of former Llantwit committeeman, Mel Roberts who sadly passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday.

McNichol, Nathan Hoosan, Jonathan Gore, James Elliott, Chris Fowler, Ryan Evans, Richard Ingram, Geraint David, Liam Griffin, Nathan Howells, Dan Daw (captain), Carl Watts, Spencer Sutton, Rob Carter. Subs -Tinas Coetzer, Jano Le Roux, Shaun

However, their smart appearance

Llantwit a 13-11 lead.

tesy of two converted tries.

through the half with a penalty, quickly followed by a converted try from a close range line-out. Llantwit showed Mumbles, in a game made up of three

Liam Griffin, all giving good support The backline, minus last week's

limped off early in the game.

outstanding player behind the scrum was once again Marcus Pearce.

Team: Marcus Pearce, Andy

game ended at 18-35.

well-worked try. Jamie Marshall converted.. The Ath were in control now and Sam Veasey broke free to score an unconverted try, making it 0–17.

The Ath were playing good rugby and Thomas Anthony was next to score after some nimble footwork. Sam Veasey

converted.

The next try was scored by Thomas Reed after more slick handling saw him go over in the corner. Sam Veasey converted to make the score Mumbles 0, Bridgend

Changes were made to the Ath team, Mumbles kicked off and the Ath were under immediate pressure. It wasn't long before Mumbles scored an unconverted try.

The Ath were now on the back foot but putting in some great tackles The pressure told, how-ever, and Mumbles forced their way over to score a converted try to make it 12-31.

The home side then scored two breakaway tries, both converted to make the score Mumbles 24, Bridgend Ath 31.

Changes were made

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Sam Veasey converted. Mumbles came back Pencoed Phoenix can't quite rise against Kidwelly

PENCOED PHOENIX 5 KIDWELLY



IN showery condi- especially physical game for Phoenix.

A lot of the Phoenix players were suffering from last week's injuries, and the girls had to step up and change positions. Kidwelly scored the first try in the first half,

and despite two sin bins and a red card, Phoenix couldn't get to that try line until Sam Humphrey scored in the second half; unfortunately Jade Mullen was unable to

tions it was another Marina Newth, Kathryn Stonehouse, Casely Lowri Reeves, a win wasn't to be as a penalty kick for a tackle high Kidwelly the final say.

New player Nerys Lloyd was voted lady of the match by Kidwellv.

Next up for Phoenix is Caernarfon on October 2, while the under-15s play their first game at home on September 25 (3pm kick off).

Contact the club on Normalien was unable to Contact the cuts of add the extras.

Ol656 860152 or email Despite Phoenix's pencoedphoenix@hotpack working so hard, mail.co.uk.

JH

for the Police Wales Police came from a try by Police travelled to No8 Gareth Bishop, with Cefn Cribwr with outside-half Ryan Miles 13 changes from the adding the extras. On a positive note, the Police played against the

Cefn Cribwr

are too good

previous week's win against Tonna – and proved to be stiff the keep opposition for the tary converted try. Police and were

worthy winners The Police missed too many chances, the ball es and players will need didn't go to hand and missed tackles will need to be a focus if they are to get back to winning ways after two pre-season wins and a victory against Cribwr 38, SW Police

The points for the

Pencoed foiled in final minutes

PENCOED underplayed 15s Pontypool on the weekend.

In the first half, Pencoed held their own and with good defence, were able to keep the score at 0-0.

After a good attack in the second half, Aled Barghery was able to score Pencoed's first and only try of the day, and Pencoed were ahead.

In the last minutes, Pontypool hit back and

scored their own try, followed by a conversion which won the match.

elements in the second

The Police welcome

this week and the coach-

to lift themselves to get back on the winning

Squad: Merchant, Lames Owain Clarke, Scott Ewing, Morgan Jefferies, Josh Maunder, Daniel Maiden, Rhys Brownsell, Aled Barghery, Chris Cooper, Alex King, Cooper, Lloyd Webb, Briggs, Liam Bowen, Jordan Fox, Kristen Morgan, Cole Lewis. Jayke Brooker and Joe Watkins.

King, Jack

unbeaten streak going ON a rain soaked Sunday, Pencoed travelled to Maesteg to play at the Parish Stadium.

Their opponents were Maesteg with the weather taking a turn for the worse some unforced errors crept the worse some unforced errors cre

Pencoed under-11s keep

Their opponents were Maesteg Welsh, who had strengthened their side over the summer break and were up for the challenge.

From the kick off, however, the visitors put the pressure on the home side and scored in the first minute.

Pencoed were showing their ball handling skills by using their talented backline, and two more tries from the visitors saw them go into a 21-0 lead. Stern defence from Maesteg kept

the ball in close to their strong forwards, but Pencoed now started to take them on at the breakdown and set up some great platforms for the threequarters to put in some classy combinations and run in another four tries before the interval to go 49-0 ahead.

Some changes from the bench saw both sides tackle hard from the re-start, and to their credit the home side began some back line moves for themselves Jack Rowlands, Josh Sands, Rhys and were dominating the ruck area, Spurgeon, Ben Sullivan.

Their hard work resulted in a

into both sides with balls being

dropped in try scoring opportunities.

With the whistle looming the visitors finished off one such move with an excellent try in the corner, going through six sets of hands.

Another great result, with 27 tries scored in the first three games of the season.

Special mentions go to Ben Jones and Ben Sullivan who put in a strong front row performance.

score: Maesteg Welsh 7 Final Pencoed 56.

Pencoed 56.

Pencoed: Rhys Bending, Thomas
Bending, Michael Bosley, Jonathan
Carr, Cael Chamberlain, Sam
Costellow, Ethan Davies, Tyron
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Cowbridge took the lead with a converted try and a penalty and, but for some sterling defensive work from the View, the lead could have been

The View dug in and a series of drives from the back row of O'Connell, Ford and Azzopardi drove the Islanders into the Cowbridge half.

Early injuries saw a reshuffle of the View back line, Chris Brown replacing the injured Bussy. With

James Braithwaite controlling things at half back, a deft oass set Joe Maytum on a drive for the line.

Cowbridge gave away a penalty, and after a quick tap and go, scrum half Reth Davies darted over the line to score by the post. Impatience to get on with the game led to the conversion being missed.

From the kick-off une
View attacked and substitute Chris Brown
broke through to score at home to Sully Sports
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saw Jake Williams slotted the first conversion to give the View the lead 10-12 at half-time.

They extended their the lead when Leon Ford depths of the Vale stormed through to score

Cowbridge back but were unable to cope with the sustained pressure from the View forwards.

The front row of Matt James, Nathan Pearson and Matt Stanger had immense games in the loose, the second row of Maytum and Lowes continually drove over the gain line to produce a platform for the View backs, and deft runs from Josh Barker and Tom Martin began to tell.

Another View attack saw Jake Williams, despite being tackled by two Cowbridge players, pass to Tom Martin, who blazed over the line for the View's fourth try.

Nathan Late on. Harding took a lovely pass from O'Connell, drew Matt defence and popped the ball out for Jake Williams to storm over for a fifth and final try. Final score 10-33.

But for the teeming rain resulting in handling errors, Sea View could have scored several more tries. Our thanks to Cowbridge for their post From the kick-off the match hospitality and to

Pumas are in confident mood

BARRY Pumas FC scores. faced Acme Revolution for the break 2-1 up when Chris second consecutive Scott scored from close week, but this time range just before the it was a matter of half-time whistle.

Lazarou Division Two. After last week's 5-1 cup victory, Pumas were feeling confident and

getting ponts in

they had every right to be when they went 1-0 up after 15 minutes. Anthony King's cross

Gillen to put the Pumas of the 18-yard box for a into the lead, Revolution rep replied quickly to level the

Pumas went into the Both teams had their

chances in the second half but it was the Barry team who made them count.

Matthew scored after a marauding run and Scott added his second when he placed the ball into the corner found the head of Brian of the net from the edge but final score of 4-1.

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Against the run of play, the visitors took a 3-0 lead through a penalty, but Llantwit penalty, responded with excellent blind move out of defence, sparked by scrum-half Ryan Evans, who set left wing Marcus Pearce on a 50-metre run, only to be denied by a good last-ditch tackle.

With forwards and backs combining well, Llantwit took the game to the visitors and flanker Blaine Thomas, No 8 Rob Carter and scrum half Ryan Evans were prominent in opening up the defence for wing Pearce to show excellent finishing, excellent finishing, popping up in midfield before racing through for a try converted by fly-half Chris Fowler.

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On the half hour, Llantwit increased their lead with a big scrum shove, allowing Evans and Carter to work the blindside for wing Nathan Hooson to cross in the corner.

Fowler converted with an excellent kick from the touchline to make it 14-3.

Llantwit's display was far better than the opening week, with great tackling, good support play and excellent chasing of kicks and you could see their confidence grow, but just before half time, after a period of sustained pressure, Llantwit conceded a converted try.

However, a penalty with the last kick of the half from the boot of Fowler saw Llantwit turn around 17-10 up.

Llantwit began the second half well, with Blaine Thomas continuing to excel in the lineout and Fowler kicking well to the corner.

Llantwit got into good positions, but often fell foul of the referee to concede penal-ties, and were unable to sustain the pressure.

Llandaff reduced the deficit to 17-13, with a penalty 15 minutes into the second half.

Marcus Pearce made a couple of strong runs out of defence to really stretch the visitors but Llandaff North, relegated from division three last season, were quick to seize on any advanand tage counterattacked well.

When Carter was sin binned with just over 10 minutes to go, the visitors put on a vice-like

grip to grind out a good

try after a dozen or more phases of play, with the conversion giving them a 20-17 lead. It was now a hard ask

for Llantwit, but the brilliant Pearce made a lovely break up the lefthand touchline, supported by forwards Carl Watts and stand in skipper Dan Daw.

Unfortunately, Daw could only get fingertips to Pearce's inside pass

out of the tackle, and Llandaff played advantage to work their way downfield and earn a penalty, which killed off Llantwit's hopes.

Nevertheless, was a great display by Llantwit with impressive prop Liam Griffin putting in a man-of-the match display in his first game for 18 months.

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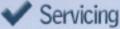
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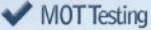


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Where I have always thought of VWs as clinical, characterless and a bit run-of-the- mill, Seat is a complete contrast.

'Quirky' is a word that instantly springs to mind when confronted by the Seat Leon SE Copa 1.6 TDi DSG-auto. Seat's design department has considered all the rather dull and mundane parts of a car and somehow made them objects of fascina-

For instance, the distinctive S logo (which is reminiscent of a road to look at) on the boot doubles up as a handle. Push the top and the bottom half protrudes making a convenient lip for your hand to lift the boot open. A neat

This five-door model is deceptive because it looks like a threedoor - the rear door handles have been concealed. Seat hasn't just blindly followed Honda and Alfa either (who do the same), because it has actually moulded

doors so that a hand snuggly fits behind the door handle. It's hard not to keep touching this as it's so appealing.

Where traditional windscreen wipers sit at the bottom of the screen and move from left to right, the Seat's reside at the left and right of the windscreen working their way downwards and then back up.

On the rear window, the washer for the wiper sprays water upwards rather than downwards as is usually the way.

It just goes to show that there are always two ways of looking at things in life and I must say that the Spanish way is very

refreshing.

The vehicle's exterior is eyecatching thanks to its sweeping curves and large chrome and black front grille. All really impressive stuff that is instantly noticeable compared to other cars on the road.

Underneath, the Leon, which was first introduced in 2005, is basically a VW Golf. It shares the same 1.6TDi engine, which very pleasingly delivers over 60mpg (combined). Coupled to a smooth automatic gearbox the Seat is a delight to drive with the extra oomph needed for overtaking, helped by its sports mode function.

It is very rare for a car to benefit from both power and economy. There is a slight delay when you put your foot down and a muffled engine noise can be heard from inside the cabin on start-up but this quickly vanishes. Overall it's an impressive 1.6

The only minor irritation is th cruise control, which is on the left stalk of the steering wheel where the indicators are located. If the driver is too keen to press the cruise control they can set the indicators off. It might have been better situated on the actual steering wheel as some manufacturers like Mitsubishi do.

Blacked out rear windows add a hint of the cool factor. The boot is a reasonable size – large enough for my daughter's cumbersome pushchair.

Parkers, the car guide, says: 'Seat has a reputation for producing sporty cars based on reliable Volkswagen components and the Leon shows the company at its best. The sporty styling is reflected in the handling - the Leon is sharp, precise and great fun to drive. In 2009 the Leon was revised with subtle exterior changes, a more sophisticated interior and new engines. There are also Ecomotive models, some of which qualify for free road

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Wales prove a point against Samoa, now they must finally start believing!

DESPITE the confident noises emanating from the Welsh camp, there was no disguising the underlying tension in the days before their crucial World Cup clash with old nemesis Sâmoa in Hamilton, at the weekend.

"We must win on Sunday, it's the bottom line... There are no second chances after Sunday... It's that important to us," head coach Warren Gatland repeatedly

Yes, they had been "very disappointed" at the 16-17 loss to world champions South Africa the week before, a game they knew they should have won, but Gatland added: "We could not fault the effort, passion and commit-ment (against the Springboks) and we have simply told the players we are looking for the same again

against Samoa..." The anxiety shared by the trayelling Welsh supporters, as well as the rest of us watching on television back home, was understand-

After all, of the seven previous encounters, Wales had won four, while the hard-hitting Samoans had won three, derailing Welsh World Cup hopes in both 1991

However, Wales could take comfort from the fact that in the last two meetings since then, they had partly gained revenge - by an emphatic 50-6 margin in 2000 and 17-13 in 2009.

If further incentive was needed, it was surely provided by Ireland's inspired 15-6 victory over the fancied Australians on Saturday – in the process, showing just how to negate the southern hemisphere's physical threat, with unrelenting pressure-play up front for the full 80 minutes.

Moreover, that result opened up the mouth-watering prospect of a possible Wales versus Ireland quarter final clash – and who would dare bet on that outcome? On Sunday, the Welsh camp

knew everything hinged on overcoming a fired-up Samoan team confident of wrecking their World Cup hopes for the third time and indeed, a nervy, error-strewn first half had the alarm bells ring-

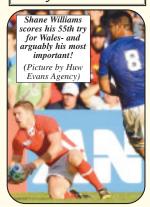
First full back James Hook missed a penalty in the opening minute, then poor handling cost Wales a certain try, and Rhys Priestland, who otherwise had another sound game at outside half, sent a drop goal attempt sailing wide of the upright.

Meanwhile, it was the Samoans

who were taking the game to their

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by Don John



opponents up front, gaining success in both set piece and loose and looking far more dangerous in attack, as Welsh errors (both forced and unforced) mounted

The pressure inevitably told with a typically rugged converted try, to add to Samoa's earlier penalty – and Wales came out for the second half 6-10 down, with

the injured James Hook, who had kicked two penalties, replaced by Leigh Halfpenny – and knowing that they had just 40 minutes to rescue their World Cup 2011 cam-

Almost immediately, Priestland reduced the margin to one point with a penalty and then edged his team 12-10 ahead with a second penalty, as superior Welsh fitness began to tell, forcing the tiring Samoans into errors of their own.

Even so, the game still swung in the balance until Welsh talisman, Shane Williams, took a hand, popping up to finish off an impressive breakaway move begun by Halfpenny, after a bas-

begun by Hanipenny, anter a bas-kethall pass by centre Jonathan Davies had gone astray. With the try unconverted and the score at 17-10, Wales knew the battle wasn't over yet and for the remaining five minutes had to withstand a desperate all-out effort by Samoa, who simply refused to throw in the towel.

It may not have been a classic. except in terms of the raw courage and physical commitment shown by both sides, but nevertheless, it was an absolutely vital win that has kept Wales in the competition - and in the short term, that was all that counted.

In the long term, the result may

well have a deeper psychological

significance for a young, developing Wales team that have fallen short so many times when victory was within their grasp,

They have now broken the hold seemingly exerted over them by Samoa on the big stage – and after the disappointment of doing everything but win against world champions South Africa, they have shown that they do have the mental strength to protect a slender lead and close a game down in tight situations.

This invaluable lesson should stand them in good stead for their remaining Pool D games.

With it (hopefully) will come in due course, the absolute selfbelief, epitomised by the All Blacks' ruthless mindset, that is critical for any lasting success on

the world stage. Starting with Namibia next week, followed by their other World Cup nemesis, Fiji, they will need to take the field *expecting*, rather than hoping to win, as was so often the case with other Welsh teams in recent years.

This talented side now have a supreme opportunity to prove to the world that after so many false dawns, Welsh rugby is truly back and that inconsistency could at last be a thing of the past.

It is time for them to finally start

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impressive performances against Bonymaen and Tata Steel, Bridgend Athletic paid the penalty for a substandard perform-£15 PER ance, going down 22-10 at Whitland.

In Division One West every game is competitive, and you cannot afford the number of errors the Athletic com-

mitted at this level. The Athletic had a lively start, attacking the Whitland line but lacked the penetration to turn possession into points

Whitland then came

back into the game.

An interception on halfway by Whitland and a lively bout of interpassing saw wing Alex Pickersill cross under the posts for the opening try of the game and outside half Scott

Newton converted. Excellent work by Athletic scrum half Aled Thomas to tackle the Whitland No 8 from drive over the ball for a

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Wing Rhys Ward Jones scores a try.

Quick hands from centre Stuart Morris and full back Mike Hathaway saw wing Rhys Ward Jones cross under the posts.
Outside half Tom

Cole converted to level the scores.

out by a Newton penalty and on the stroke of half time, Whitland turned over Athletic possession for Pickerskill to cross in the corner for his second try to put the home side 15-10 ahead at half time

The second half, until



third Whitland try; Newton converted to extend the lead to 22-10

The Athletic were making too many errors and taking poor options to test the Whitland defence, and the home side finished the game

the stronger.
For the Athletic, the scrum went well, with debutant prop Daniel Suter (an under-18 international last season) hooker Simon Mustoe and fellow prop Rod Apsee doing extremely well against much heav-

ier opposition.
No 8 Griff Davies and

defend an unbeaten league home record stretching back to March

Centre Stuart Morris attempts to force his way through the Whitland defence.

West House off to flying start

WEST House FC got off to a flyer in the Bridgend six-a-Sunday side Division Premier with a convincing 4-0 defeat of Young Exiles, as Matt

Ogmore Striders and Llanharan were big winners in Division One, 5-1 against Minter Phoenix and 4-1 over Swandiff Town. Josh Griffiths and Matthew Sparkes starred for the respective vic-

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ekdays: 9 holes £6.00, 18 holes £9.00 The game was evenly the hour mark, was centre Stuart Morris also Phillips was man of Weekends and bank holiday fought between the 22s evenly matched. Then, from an Athletic 22 metre drop played well for the the match. at this stage, and outside half Cole kicked a 40 Athletic scrum possession saw the Athletic forwards This Saturday, the No Tea Tonight also Tel: 01656 647926 metre penalty to put the Athletic 10-7 ahead. out, centre Jack Mason broke through the Athletic entertain Narbeth, and will have started with a win, over-coming Persil Boys FC Athletic defence for the This was cancelled to be at their best to by two goals to nil.